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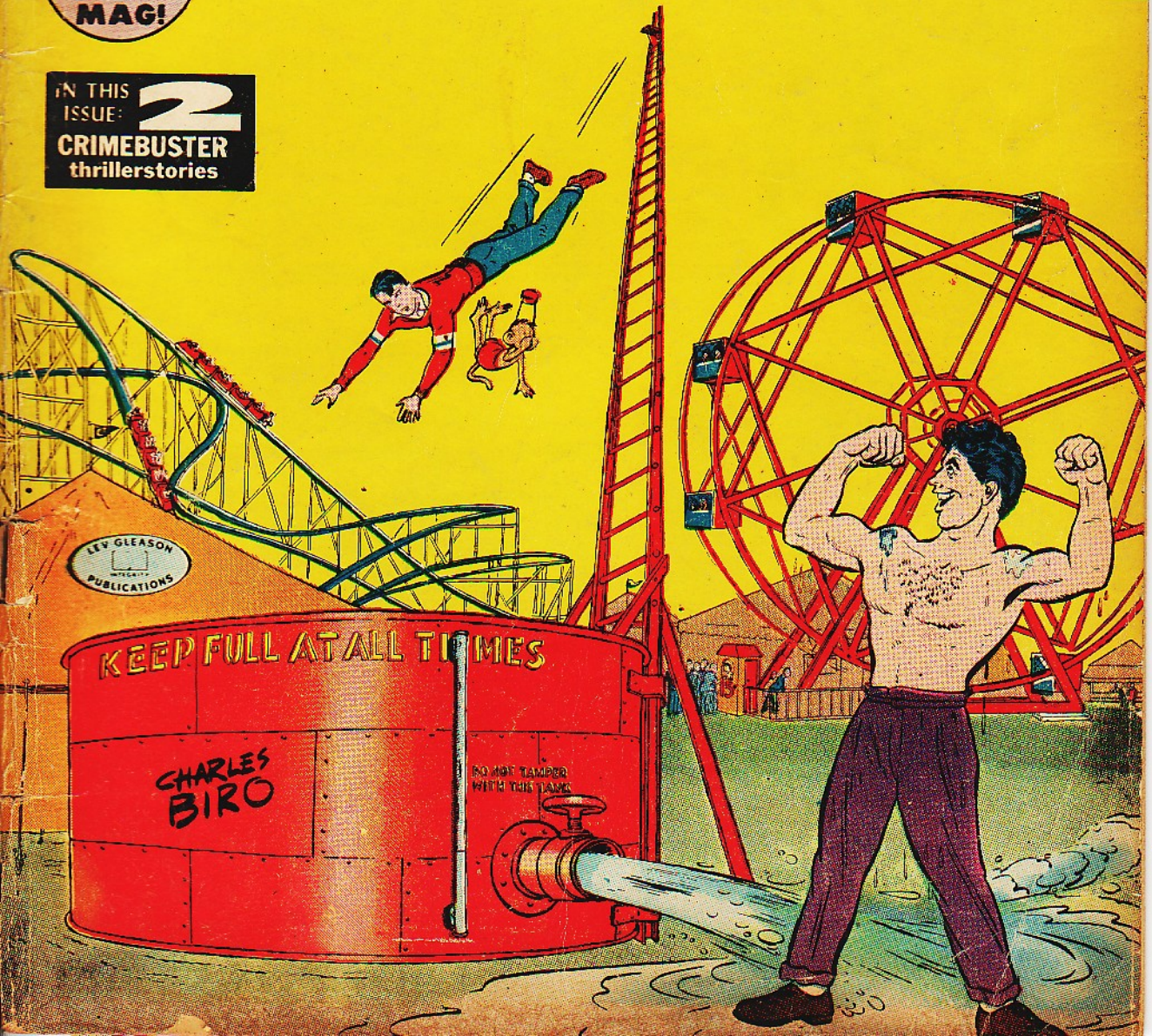
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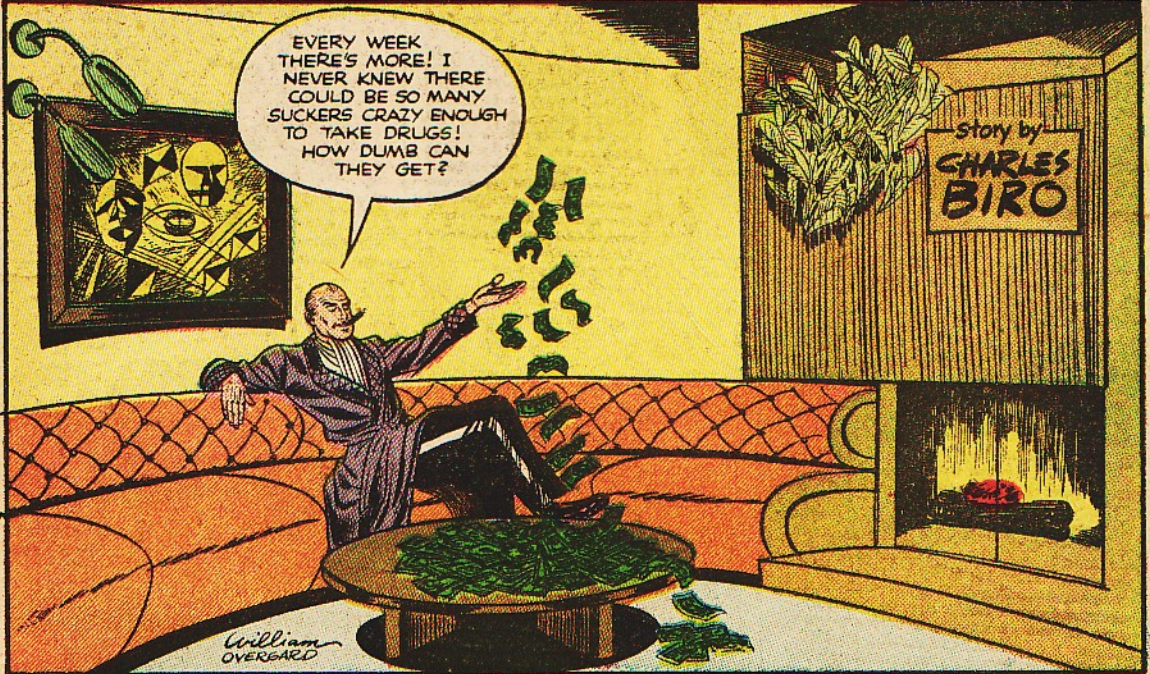
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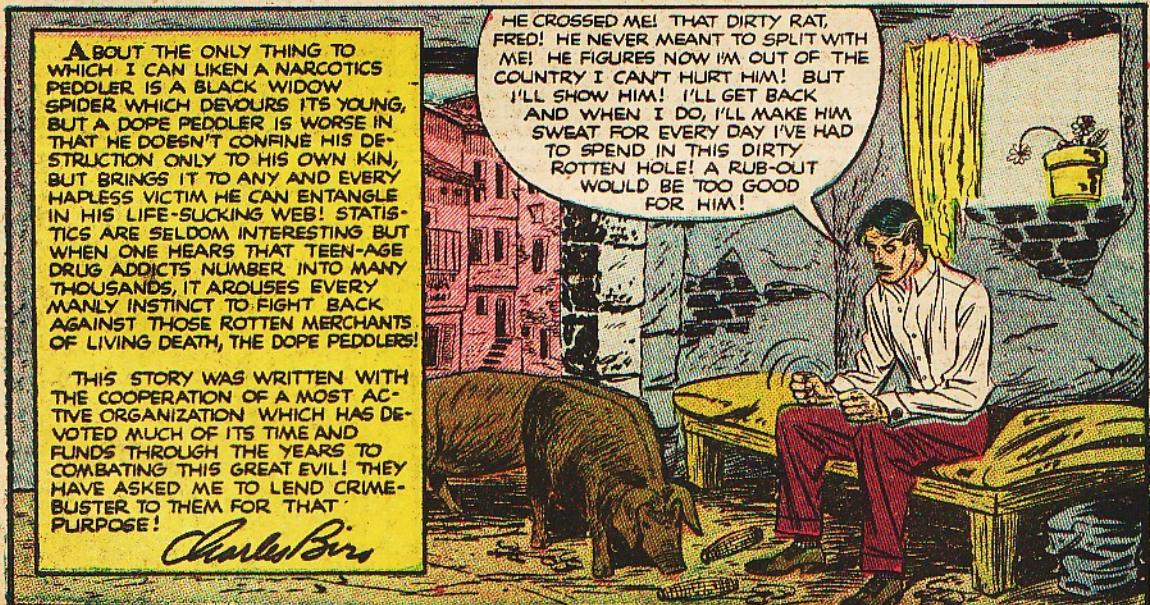
CRIMEBUSTER

in "THE HIGH COST OF DYING"

CUT OUT AND SAVE!



Story by
CHARLES BIRO



ABOUT THE ONLY THING TO WHICH I CAN LIKEN A NARCOTICS PEDDLER IS A BLACK WIDOW SPIDER WHICH DEVOURS ITS YOUNG, BUT A DOPE PEDDLER IS WORSE IN THAT HE DOESN'T CONFINED HIS DESTRUCTION ONLY TO HIS OWN KIN, BUT BRINGS IT TO ANY AND EVERY HAPLESS VICTIM HE CAN ENTANGLE IN HIS LIFE-SUCKING WEB! STATISTICS ARE SELDOM INTERESTING BUT WHEN ONE HEARS THAT TEEN-AGE DRUG ADDICTS NUMBER INTO MANY THOUSANDS, IT AROUSES EVERY MANLY INSTINCT TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THOSE ROTTEN MERCHANTS OF LIVING DEATH, THE DOPE PEDDLERS!

THIS STORY WAS WRITTEN WITH THE COOPERATION OF A MOST ACTIVE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF ITS TIME AND FUNDS THROUGH THE YEARS TO COMBATING THIS GREAT EVIL! THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO LEND CRIMEBUSTER TO THEM FOR THAT PURPOSE!

Charles Biro



FRED BROWLEY! YOU OLD SO AND SO! IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE I SAW YOU! HOW'VE YOU BEEN, FELLA?

JOE MARTIN! FOR THE LOVA MIKE! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE BIG HOUSE! LET ME BUY YOU ANOTHER BOTTLE!

PUT THAT AWAY! LET ME BUY YOU ONE! I HAVE AN IDEA! HOW ABOUT COMING UP TO THE APARTMENT WITH GWEN AND ME! GWEN CAN GET A DATE FOR YOU!

SURE! SOUNDS GOOD!

GOOD OLD FRED! THIS GUY WAS THE FIRST REAL FRIEND I EVER HAD! WE'VE BEEN THROUGH PLENTY TOGETHER, EH, FRED?

UHUH...VERY INTERESTING-CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?

CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, BALONEY! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T COME TO THIS COUNTRY TILL '36? I CAME HERE WITHOUT A PENNY AND LOOK AT ME NOW! NOT BAD, EH? AND HOW'S THE WORLD TREATING YOU, FRED?

NOT SO HOT, JOE! ONE CRUMMY JOB AFTER ANOTHER! IF IT WASN'T FOR MY KID, JOHNNY, LIFE WOULDN'T BE WORTH IT! LET ME SHOW YOU HIS PICTURE! HOW DO YOU LIKE HIM?

GREAT! HE RESEMBLES YOU A LOT!

HE'S GOING TO GET THE BREAKS! RIGHT NOW I'M SENDING HIM TO A REAL EXCLUSIVE BOARDING SCHOOL UPSTATE! IT COSTS PLENTY BUT I DON'T MIND PAYING IT!

ZAT SO? 'SCUSE ME...THE DOORBELL!

MR. MARTIN, IF YOU EXPECT ME TO REPRESENT YOU AT THE IMMIGRATION HEARING TOMORROW MORNING, YOU HAVE TO COOPERATE! I NEED EVERY FACT I CAN GET!

RELAX! MY RECORD'S BEEN CLEAN EVER SINCE I WAS RELEASED! THEY SHOULD HAVE NOTHING ON ME!

AS YOUR LAWYER, I'D AT LEAST LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE CHARGE OF SUSPICION OF DEALING IN NARCOTICS IS TRUE OR NOT!

IT'S A FRAME-UP! THE WITNESS WHO IDENTIFIED ME IS CRAZY! HE'LL CRACK WIDE OPEN IN COURT! AND WHAT'S THE WORST THEY CAN DO ANYHOW? I'M NOT AFRAID OF A FINE!

FINE? IF THEY CAN PROVE THEIR CASE AGAINST YOU, YOU'LL BE DEPORTED! THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS DOESN'T APPLY, IF YOU CAN BE PROVEN TO BE AN UNDESIRABLE ALIEN!

DEPORTED? GET OUT OF HERE! YOU'RE CRAZY!



...AND THEN LAST MONTH JOHNNY... YOU DAMES, BEAT IT— BOTH OF YOU! BUT YOU STAY, FRED!



MAYBE IT WAS FATE THAT SENT YOU, FRED, JUST WHEN I NEED SOMEBODY I CAN TRUST! I'VE GOT TROUBLE! BIG TROUBLE!



YOU'RE KIDDING! YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING! I WISH I WAS IN YOUR SHOES!

WHAT'S MONEY? I'M IN A JAM—IF I GET OUT...OKAY...IF I DON'T, I'M GONNA BE DEPORTED! AND JUST WHEN I HAVE A RACKET THAT HAS ME HIGH IN THE CHIPS!

GEE, THAT'S TOUGH, BUT COULDN'T THE GUYS IN WITH YOU KEEP IT RUNNING AND SEND YOU YOUR CUT?



I OPERATE STRICTLY ON MY OWN—I NEVER TRUSTED PARTNERS— BUT THIS GIVES ME AN IDEA! IF THEY DEPORT ME, I WANT YOU TO TAKE OVER MY BUSINESS!

ME? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT RACKET YOU'RE IN!



NARCOTICS, HEROIN, MARIJUANA...MY ONLY CONTACT WITH THE RING IS THROUGH MY SUPPLIER, STRICKEY MAFOUR! I'LL WRITE A NOTE TO HIM TELLING HIM YOU'RE TAKING OVER IF I GET DEPORTED! AS FOR MY LISTS OF CUSTOMERS, I'LL GIVE YOU THE LIST!



WHAT DO YOU DO, SEE THEM IN PERSON?

NO! THEY COME TO ME! NOT HERE, OF COURSE! I MEET THEM AT A CHEAP APARTMENT I LEASE ON THE WEST SIDE— 2120 WEST 114TH STREET! I'LL GIVE YOU A SPARE KEY BEFORE I GO! OH, YEAH, AND THE KEY TO THIS PLACE, TOO!



IF I GET DEPORTED, ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO TAKE OVER AND SEND ME HALF THE TAKE EACH MONTH TO A FOREIGN BANK! I'LL CABLE YOU AN ADDRESS!

WHAT'S THE MONTHLY TAKE? ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED?



HA! HA! THAT'S ABOUT A DAYS TAKE! HERE'S SOME REAL DOUGH FOR YOU!

\$5,000! THAT'S FIVE YEARS TUITION FOR JOHNNY! WHY ARE YOU GIVING ME THIS?



FIGURE IT'S EITHER FIRST PAYMENT ON OUR NEW PARTNERSHIP OR A PRESENT FOR HELPING ME LET OFF STEAM! JUST REMEMBER THE DEAL'S OFF IF I GET OUT OF THIS JAM! DON'T FIGURE I'LL CUT YOU IN IF I STAY! IF YOU'RE SMART YOU'LL JUST FORGET EVERYTHING I TOLD YOU TONIGHT!

SURE, JOE! THAT'S OKAY WITH ME!



FIVE GRAND! THIS IS MORE DOUGH THAN I'VE SEEN SINCE THE BOOTLEG DAYS! IF HE BEATS THE RAP, THIS IS ALL THERE IS, BUT IF HE DOES GET DEPORTED...LET'S SEE, HE HAS TO BEIN FEDERAL COURT AT TEN TOMORROW!



HERE, JOHNNY BOY, TAKE THIS AND BUY THAT NEW BIKE YOU WANTED! I GOT A BIG BUSINESS DEAL ON SO I CAN'T TAKE YOU TO THAT MATINEE!

GEE!! OH, BOY!! THANKS, DAD!



HE EVEN GAVE ME THE KEY TO HIS APARTMENT! I COULDN'T HAVE SET THIS UP BETTER MYSELF! ANYONE SO DUMB DESERVES A DOUBLE-CROSS! NOW LET'S SEE WHO'S A HEAVY USER! AH...LARRY TOOMEN, 696 EAST 40TH! I'LL GET HIM OVER HERE!



NO, JOE ISN'T IN! LARRY, COME ON IN! I'M JOE'S NEW PARTNER! I CALLED YOU!

D...DID HE LEAVE SOME S...STUFF FOR ME? I NEED A SHOT B...BAD...R...REAL BAD! WHERE IS JOE? I G...GOTTA SEE HIM!



I'LL TAKE YOU TO WHERE HE IS AND YOU CAN ASK HIM FOR IT YOURSELF! HE WAS GOING TO CUT YOU OFF THE LIST!

W...WHY? W...WHAT DID I DO? I...I G...GOTTA HAVE A SHOT SOON OR I'LL GO CRAZY! HURRY-TAKE ME TO HIM!



YOUR RECORD IS DISGRACEFUL! YOU ENTERED THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY--SERVED A TWO-YEAR SENTENCE IN '35, AND AGAIN IN '44! ISN'T THAT TRUE?

I CAN'T REMEMBER EXACTLY...



YOUR HONOR, PERHAPS MY CLIENT'S PAST WAS BAD BUT HE HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON! HE'S GIVEN UP HIS FORMER WAYS AND NOW IS BEHAVING AS A LAWFUL CITIZEN!

INDEED! THE PROSECUTION HAS A WITNESS WHO CLAIMS THE DEFENDANT SUPPLIED HIM WITH DRUGS FOR THE LAST YEAR! LET'S HEAR FROM HIM!



I THOUGHT IT WAS HIM BUT I'M MISTAKEN! THE OTHER FELLOW WAS...AH, TALLER AND MAYBE OLDER! I...I MADE A MISTAKE...

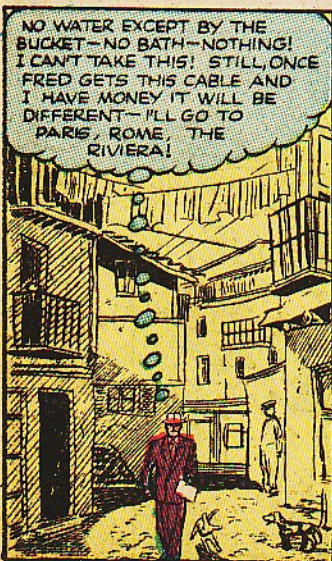
IT COST PLENTY TO BRIBE HIM! NOW LET 'EM PROVE SOMETHING!



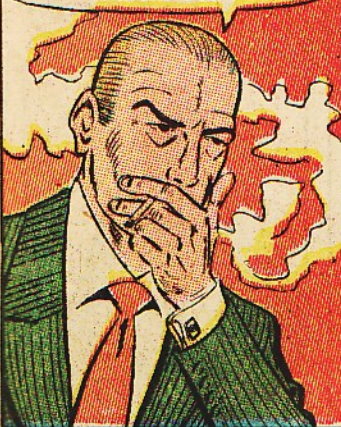
HE'S IN THERE! GO RIGHT IN AN' ASK HIM FOR IT! AN' DON'T LET ANYONE STOP YOU!

WH...WHY DOES HE WANNA CUT ME OFF! HE KNOWS I GOTTA HAVE IT!

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I WANT A BUNCH OF SHARP GUYS TO SELL FOR ME... ALL OVER THE STATE! I THOUGHT OF A NEW FRONT! JOE'S 114TH STREET PLACE IS OUT SINCE HE GOT DEPORTED! I BOUGHT A BAKERY! WE'LL SELL THE DOPE IN SPECIAL LOAVES!

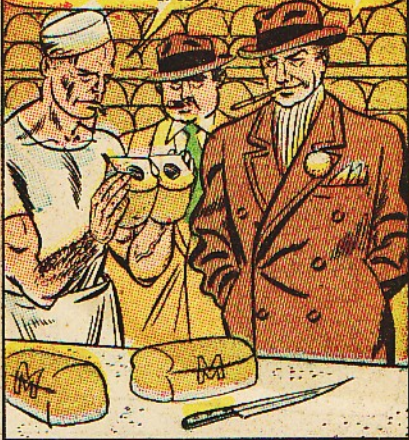


I KNOW JUST THE GUY FOR YOU - SPIDER MALONE! HE HAD TEN YEARS IN THE STATE PRISON BAKERY SO HE COULD RUN THE STORE- AN' YOU CAN TRUST HIM... IF YOU CUT HIM IN FOR A PERCENTAGE!



GOOD! SEND HIM TO SEE ME!

HERE ARE THE SPECIAL LOAVES - SEE! I MARKED THEM WITH AN 'M'! SEE HOW I CUT OUT THE INSIDE - JUST LIKE YOU SAID!



GOOD, SPIDER-IT'S GONNA WORK OUT FINE! SPIDER WILL DELIVER THE STUFF IN DUMMY FLOUR BAGS!

WHEN MY AGENTS COME IN, THEY'LL ASK FOR A LOAF OF BREAD! AT THE SAME TIME THEY'LL HAND YOU A MARKED BILL LIKE THIS ONE! KEEP THESE BILLS ASIDE! THEY'RE MY CHECK ON EACH AGENT! YOU GIVE THEM A SPECIAL LOAF WITH A PACKAGE OF DOPE IN IT AND THEIR REGULAR CHANGE! GET IT?



I LIKE YOUR IDEAS! THIS IS THE NEATEST FRONT I EVER SEEN!

OKAY-I'LL START SENDING MY BOYS IN THIS AFTERNOON! BE SURE NOT TO MAKE A MISTAKE! REMEMBER, ONE SLIP-UP AND IT MAY BLOW UP IN OUR FACES!



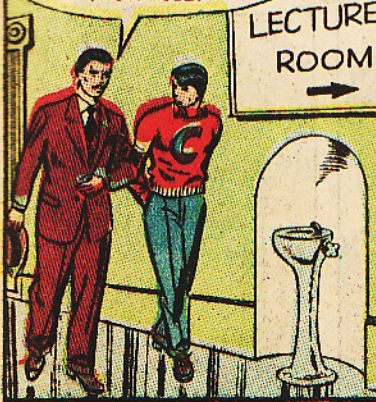
I SERVED ENOUGH TIME, DON'T WORRY!

IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO TO THAT LECTURE SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL, C.B.! THE SUBJECT IS THE EFFECTS OF NARCOTICS ON YOUNG PEOPLE!

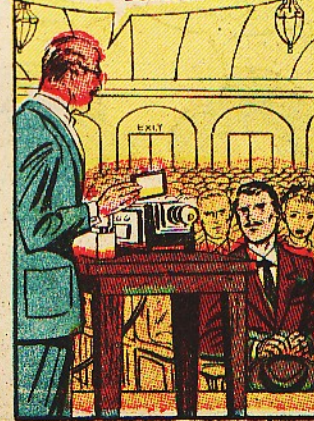
THEY'VE BEEN DOING A WONDERFUL JOB IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USE OF NARCOTICS BY TEEN-AGERS!



I JUST WISH EVERY PARENT, WHO HAD A CHANCE TO ATTEND THESE LECTURES WOULD COME! NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE REALIZE HOW MUCH DOPE IS BEING PEDDLED TO KIDS, OR HOW EASILY THEY CAN BE TRAPPED INTO THE DRUG HABIT THROUGH IGNORANCE!



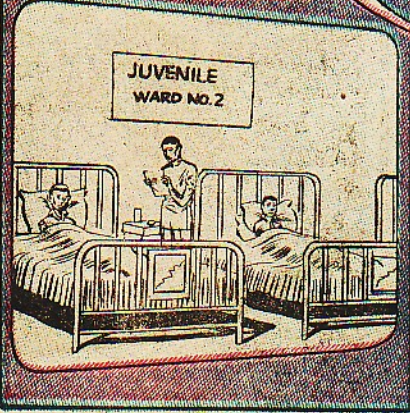
DRUG ADDICTION IS A PROBLEM REGARDLESS OF THE VICTIM'S AGE, BUT THE GREATEST TRAGEDY OF ALL IS WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE FALL INTO THE HANDS OF DRUG PEDDLERS AND DEVELOP THE HABIT BEFORE THEY EVEN REALIZE WHAT THEY ARE DOING!



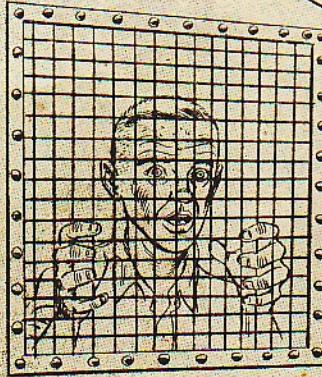
NEW VICTIMS GENERALLY LEARN ABOUT DRUGS BY WORD OF MOUTH! ONE BOY WILL TELL ANOTHER AND INVITE HIM TO JOIN A CLUB AFTER PLEDGING HIM TO SECRECY! THE SECRECY AND PROMISE OF A THRILL APPEALS TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEY BECOME VICTIMS BEFORE THEY REALIZE IT! HERE IS A TYPICAL MEETING PLACE! IT'S THE BASEMENT OF A CONDEMNED TENEMENT!



THESE ARE THE JUVENILE DRUG ADDICTS AT A MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL FOR NARCOTICS VICTIMS! THEY ARE A PITIFUL GROUP TO LOOK AT, BUT EVEN SO THEY ARE LUCKIER THAN MOST DRUG VICTIMS BECAUSE THEY ARE GETTING TREATMENTS AND WILL BE CURED!



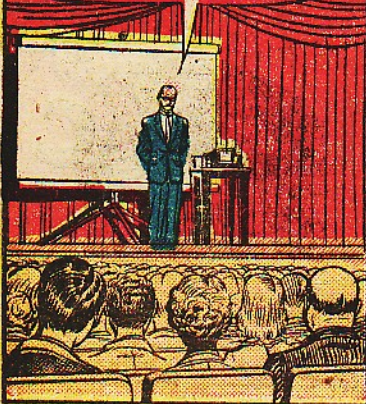
HERE IS A BOY—ONLY SIXTEEN, WHO IS SO DEPENDENT ON DRUGS THAT HE IS BEYOND HOPE OF CURE AND IS IN AN INSTITUTION FOR THE INSANE! THERE ARE HUNDREDS MORE LIKE HIM!



DRUGS BREED CRIME FOR DRUGS ARE EXPENSIVE! THE YOUTHFUL ADDICT IS DRIVEN TO ROB AND STEAL! AS HIS CRAVING INCREASES, HE REQUIRES MORE AND MORE DRUGS AND HIS CRIMES INCREASE! THERE IS NO LIMIT TO WHAT AN ADDICT WILL DO WHEN HE IS DESPERATE!



IT'S UP TO US TO FIGHT BY EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN—BY SUPERVISING THE NEIGHBORHOODS NEAR SCHOOLS SO THAT PEDDLERS DARE NOT ATTEMPT TO SELL TO STUDENTS AND BY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES CRACKING DOWN ON DRUGS EVERY WAY THEY CAN!

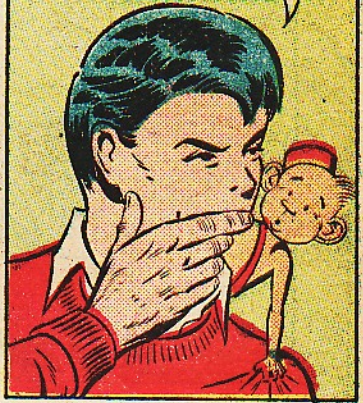


THAT SETTLES IT! YOU WANTED ME TO GO ON THAT ROBBERY CASE, BUT NOW I'M GOING TO SEE IF I CAN'T HELP IN THIS DRIVE ON DRUG PEDDLERS!

WE NEVER LET UP ON THE DRUG PROBLEM, BUT IT'S A HARD THING TO BEAT! WE CATCH A LOT OF LITTLE FISH, BUT THE BIG OPERATORS ARE HARD TO TRAP! WHERE WILL YOU START?



THE NEXT TIME YOU PICK UP A DRUG SUSPECT, GIVE ME ALL YOU HAVE ON HIM! THEN TURN HIM LOOSE! I'LL WATCH HIM NIGHT AND DAY TILL HE LEADS ME TO HIS PEDDLER! THEN I'LL SHADOW HIM UNTIL HE LEADS ME TO THE TOP!



I HIT A GOLD MINE! ONE OF MY REGULARS HAS A STORE NEAR THE HIGH-SCHOOL AND HE'S GOT A GANG OF SCHOOL KIDS STARTED ON THE STUFF! GET 'EM WHEN THEY'RE TOO YOUNG TO KNOW BETTER—THAT'S MY MOTTO!



YEAH, KIDS PICK UP THE HABIT FAST! THEY GO FROM REEFERS TO THE HEAVIER STUFF EASY AND FROM THEN ON THEY'RE REGULARS!

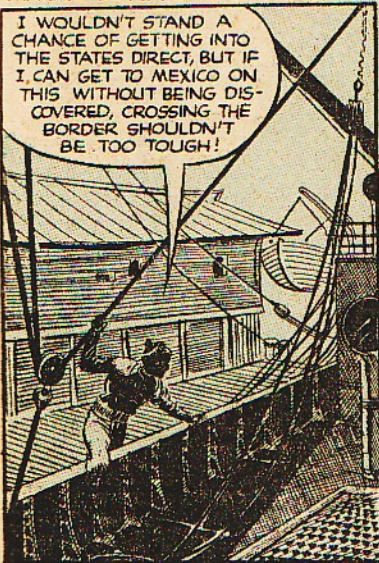
BUT KIDS CAN'T AFFORD IT AND WHAT GOOD IS A CUSTOMER WITHOUT HARD CASH?



LISTEN—ONCE THEY NEED THE HABIT THEY NEED THE STUFF SO BAD THEY FIND A WAY TO GET THE DOUGH! SO MAYBE THEY GO CROOKED—WHO CARES AS LONG AS THEY PAY!



THREE THOUSAND MILES AWAY, JOE MARTIN IN THE MEANTIME WAS MAKING SOME PLANS OF HIS OWN!



I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE OF GETTING INTO THE STATES DIRECT, BUT IF I CAN GET TO MEXICO ON THIS WITHOUT BEING DISCOVERED, CROSSING THE BORDER SHOULDN'T BE TOO TOUGH!



ANOTHER HUNDRED YARDS AN' I'LL BE IN TEXAS! I STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE I CATCH UP WITH THAT SQUEALER, LARRY TOOMEN AND MY DOUBLE-CROSSIN' PAL, FRED, BUT I'LL GET 'EM, IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!



YOU ROTTEN SQUEALER, I CAME ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE OCEAN TO SETTLE THINGS WITH YOU! WHY DID YOU COME INTO COURT THAT TIME?

JOE! JOE! PLEASE! YOU GOTTA LISTEN TO ME, FIRST!



I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING! THIS GUY, FRED, TOLD ME TO GO ASK YOU! HE TOOK ME THERE! I WAS CRAZY FOR SOME OF THE STUFF! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS A COURT ROOM!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT! TELL ME, YOU GOG-HEAD, WHERE IS HE? I HAVE A DOUBLE SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HIM!

NOBODY GETS TO SEE THAT BIG SHOT ANY MORE!



STRICKY, I'VE TOLD YOU THE WHOLE STORY OF HOW I GOT BACK HERE AND HOW THAT RAT, FRED, FRAMED ME! NOW TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND HIM SO I CAN SETTLE WITH HIM!

EASY—NOT SO FAST, JOE! THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE YOU GOT DEPORTED!



FRED'S A BIG CHEESE NOW! HE OPERATES ALL OVER THE STATE—AN' HE'S GOT A BODYGUARD! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING TO HIM! YOU GOTTA PLAY IT SMART, OTHERWISE THIS TIME ME'LL GET RID OF YOU PERMANENTLY!



THERE ARE OTHER WAYS OF REVENGE—MAYBE A LOT WORSE THAN KILLING HIM—YEAH—THAT KID OF HIS...HE'S GOT A KID NAMED JOHNNY THAT HE IDOLIZES! GIMME FRED'S ADDRESS! AND DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE CAREFUL!

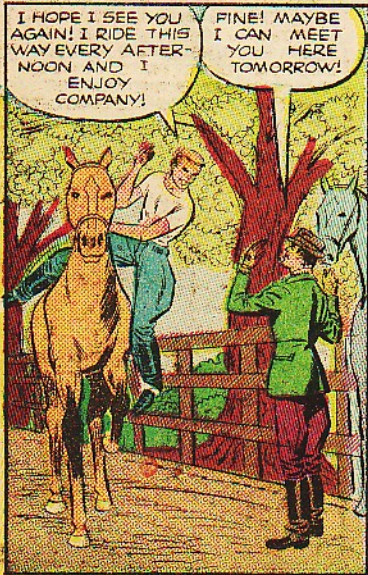
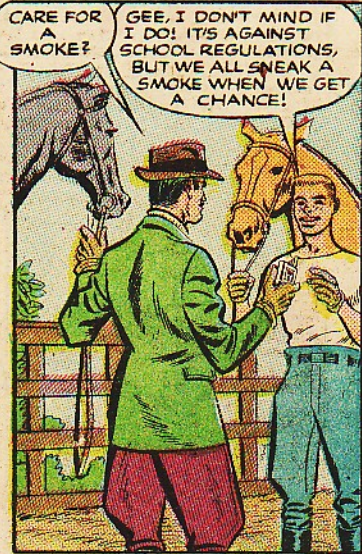
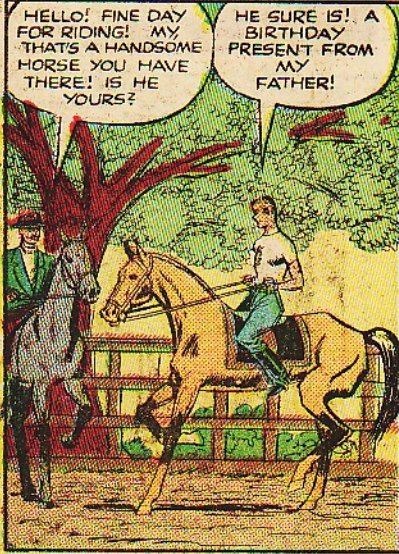
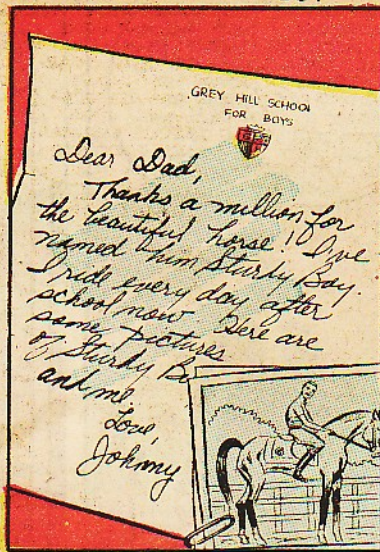
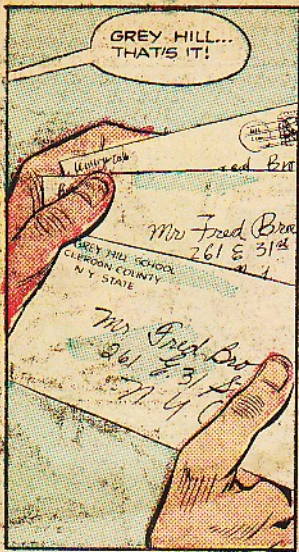


IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT IF THE KID WRITES TO HIS OLD MAN REGULARLY, AN' I CAN GET HOLD OF A LETTER WITH THE SCHOOL ADDRESS, I'LL BE ALL SET!



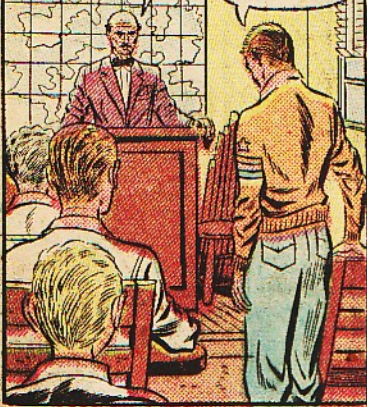
I CAN TAKE THAT MAIL FOR BROWLEY! HE ASKED ME TO BRING IT UP AS SOON AS IT CAME!

OKAY, THREE LETTERS, THAT'S ALL!



JOHN BROWLEY--YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION! IN FACT, YOU'VE BEEN INATTENTIVE ALL MONTH! IF YOU DON'T START KNUCKLING DOWN, YOU'RE GOING TO FAIL THIS COURSE!

STOP PICKING ON ME!



JOE...JOE...GIMME SOME MORE OF THOSE CIGARETTES! EVER SINCE LAST NIGHT, I'VE BEEN ON EDGE WAITING FOR YOU!

OH? MAYBE YOU BETTER NOT TAKE ANY MORE THEN! THESE AREN'T LIKE REGULAR CIGARETTES, YOU KNOW! THESE ARE REEFERS--MARIJUANAS! IT'S A KIND OF DRUG AND MAYBE IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU!



I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY ARE... I WANT ONE NOW!

HERE, TRY THIS! IT'S SOMETHING MUCH STRONGER! HEROIN! YOU'LL LIKE IT BETTER! BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE HERE TODAY!



G..GEE, THAT WAS STRONGER THAN CIGARETTES! LEAVING? YOU CAN'T...GEE...WELL, THEN, LET ME BUY SOME HEROIN FROM YOU, JOE!

THIS STUFF RUNS INTO BIG MONEY, KID! YOU COULDN'T AFFORD IT...AND IF YOU COULD, I COULDN'T RISK IT! IT'S A FEDERAL OFFENSE TO SELL IT!



I WON'T TELL A SOUL! I SWEAR I WON'T! AND I'LL GET THE MONEY... MAYBE I COULD SELL THIS WATCH DAD GAVE ME!

I COULD USE A WATCH...I'LL TAKE IT AND GIVE YOU SOME FOR IT! IF YOU WANT TO SEE ME AGAIN, I'LL BE AT THE HOTEL IN DRAYTON TWENTY MILES FROM HERE-- WEEK ENDS!

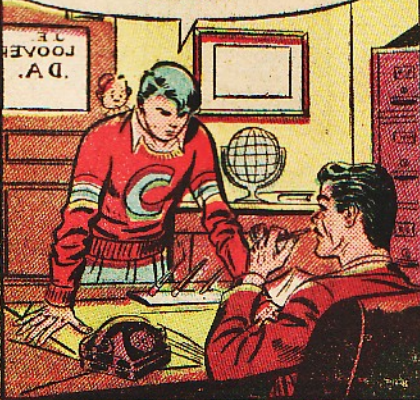


WEEK ENDS... GEE, BUT THAT'S WHEN I GENERALLY GO HOME TO SEE MY FATHER!

I DON'T CARE IF I SEE YOU OR NOT! THAT'S UP TO YOU! JUST REMEMBER, IF YOU TELL ANYONE, I'LL NEVER GIVE YOU ANY HEROIN AGAIN!



LOOVER, AFTER ALL THESE MONTHS OF TRAILING THAT DOPE SUSPECT, I'VE FINALLY HIT ON SOMETHING! I NOTICED THAT AT LEAST THREE TIMES A WEEK HE WENT TO A CERTAIN BAKERY EIGHT BLOCKS OUT OF HIS WAY TO BUY BREAD, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A BAKERY JUST AS GOOD AROUND THE CORNER FROM WHERE HE LIVES!



AFTER THAT I RENTED AN EMPTY ROOM ACROSS FROM THE BAKERY AND TOOK TELE- PHOTO PICTURES OF EVERYONE ENTERING THE PLACE! EVERY NIGHT I CHECKED ALL THE PICTURES AGAINST OUR FILE OF KNOWN DRUG OPERATORS AND LOOK WHAT I DISCOVERED!



THESE TWELVE MEN ARE REGULAR CUSTOMERS THERE AND ALL OF THEM HAVE RECORDS AS PEDDLERS OF DOPE! I'M CONVINCED THAT BAKERY IS THE POINT OF DISTRIBUTION TO THE HANDLERS!

GOOD WORK, C.B.! I'LL ORDER A RAID ANY TIME YOU SAY!





THIS IS A RAID—
STEP OUT FROM
BEHIND THE
COUNTER!

I WANT TO
EXAMINE THE
BREAD! IT'S THE
ONLY THING
THEY BUY!

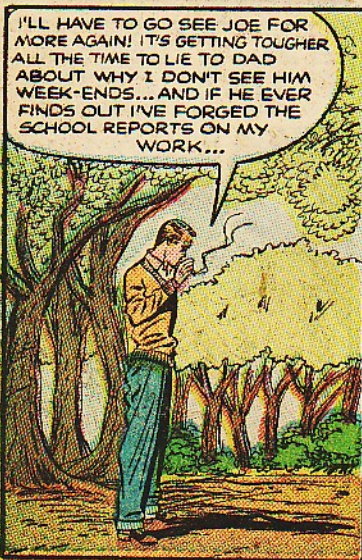


LOOK! HERE'S THE ANSWER TO
HOW THEY DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE
PASSERS... HOLLOWED LOAVES
OF BREAD PACKED WITH PARCELS
OF DOPE! NOW ALL WE NEED TO
KNOW IS THE HIGH SIGN THEY
USE...



GEE—WHAT
DO YOU KNOW!
GOSH, THIS
IS NEWS
TO ME!

SHUT UP, YOU!
WE KNOW
TWELVE OF
THESE MEN BY
SIGHT! IT WON'T
BE HARD TO FIND
OUT THEIR SYSTEM
OF IDENTIFICATION!
WE CAN PICK UP
THE OTHERS AS
THEY COME
IN!



I'LL HAVE TO GO SEE JOE FOR
MORE AGAIN! IT'S GETTING TOUGH.
ALL THE TIME TO LIE TO DAD
ABOUT WHY I DON'T SEE HIM
WEEK-ENDS... AND IF HE EVER
FINDS OUT I'VE FORGED THE
SCHOOL REPORTS ON MY
WORK...



WELL, WELL, YOU AGAIN,
HUM, KID? YOU'RE TURN-
ING INTO A REGULAR,
WEEK-END CUSTOMER!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID
YOU'D HOKED EVERY-
THING YOU OWNED
AND YOU COULDN'T
AFFORD ANY MORE!

I SOLD MY HORSE,
STURDY BOY!
HERE'S THE MONEY!
LET ME HAVE SOME
MORE OF THAT
HEROIN!

NO... YOU USE SO MUCH
OF THE STUFF I THINK IT'S
TIME FOR YOU TO MEET THE
BIG GUY WHO RUNS THIS
RACKET! MAYBE HE'LL SELL
IT TO YOU CHEAPER! BESIDES,
I'M FED UP WITH HAVING
YOU HANGING AROUND!



THIS IS MY FATHER'S
PLACE! I CAN'T GO
IN THERE! HE
THINKS I'M ON A
WEEK-END WITH
SOME FRIENDS
FROM SCHOOL!

THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE
GOING, KID! FROM
NOW ON WHEN YOU
WANT REEFERS, YOU
CAN ASK YOUR OLD
MAN! HE'S THE HEAD
OF THE DOPE RING
IN THIS STATE, IF YOU
DON'T BELIEVE ME,
ASK HIM!



JOHNNY! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE? GOOD
HEAVEN S! WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
YOU? ARE YOU
SICK?

DAD! I GOTTA
HAVE A SHOT
OF HEROIN!
YOU SELL THE
STUFF! YOU'VE
GOTTA LET ME
HAVE ONE BEFORE
I GO NUTS!



ARE YOU
CRAZY? WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

YOU'RE THE BIG
BOSS—YOU SELL
IT... DON'T PRE-
TEND... I KNOW
ALL ABOUT IT! GIVE
ME SOME—
PLEASE!
PLEASE!

MY SON - MY OWN SON! JAGGY, TAKE HIM IN THE KITCHEN! FILL HIM FULL OF MILK AND EGGS... MAKE HIM EAT... AND DON'T LET HIM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT! DON'T LET ANOTHER SEE HIM!

N..NO-NO! I GOTTA HAVE IT... PLEASE... DAD...

GEE, BOSS, HE'S IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE! DON'TCHA THINK YOU OUGHT TO CALL A DOCTOR?

NO! HE'D KNOW IT WAS DOPE THE MINUTE HE LAID EYES ON HIM! I DON'T DARE CALL A DOCTOR! DO THE BEST YOU CAN WITH HIM TILL I GET BACK FROM THE AGENTS' MEETING!

MY SON... A DOPE ADDICT... AFTER ALL I DID TO BRING HIM UP RIGHT! I'LL KILL THE GUY THAT DID THIS TO HIM - KILL HIM!

NO! N..NO! GIVE ME A SMOKE!

HIYA, BOSS - SAY, WHAT'S EATIN' YA? YOU LOOK SORE!

SHUT UP! QUIET, ALL OF YOU! WHO DISTRIBUTES IN CLEROCUN COUNTY? SPEAK UP!

I DO! WHY? SOMETHING WRONG?

WRONG! I'M GOING TO KILL YOU! IT WAS YOU WHO SOLD DOPE TO THE KIDS AT GREY HILL SCHOOL!

HEY! STOP! YOU'RE WRONG, HONEST - I NEVER WENT NEAR THAT PLACE!

YOU DIRTY RAT! YOU ROTTEN FIEND - MY OWN KID - I'LL KILL YOU!

FRED! WAIT!! MAYBE HE'S TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!

FRED - ARE YOU INSANE? SO WHAT IF HE DID SELL IN GREY HILL? ALL YOUR AGENTS HAVE BEEN SELLING TO KIDS EVER SINCE YOU ORGANIZED! WHY GRIPE NOW?

NEVER MIND! GET OUT, ALL OF YOU! GET OUT! AS FOR YOU, IF I EVER SEE YOU AGAIN I'LL FINISH THE JOB!

OKAY! I'M GOIN' WITH PLEASURE!

FRED'S OFF HIS ROCKER, STRICKY! YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED! IT AIN'T SAFE TO BE IN A RACKET LIKE THIS WHEN THE TOP GUY GOES HAYWIRE! WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

YEAH - IT'S BAD BUSINESS - I'D BETTER TAKE IT UP WITH THE BIG GUYS AT THE SYNDICATE MEETING TOMORROW! I KNOW JUST THE GUY TO TAKE OVER IF THEY DECIDE FRED IS OUT - JOE MARTIN!

JOE MARTIN! HE WAS A SMART OPERATOR! I THOUGHT HE GOT DEPORTED, THOUGH!

HE'S BACK! I'LL BRING HIM TO THE MEETING! FRED WILL BE THERE, TOO! I'LL HANDLE EVERYTHING... MEAN-TIME YOU KEEP OPERATING AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED!



A LOAF OF BREAD—SAY, AREN'T YOU NEW?

JUST HELPING SPIDER OUT—DON'T WORRY, I HAVE YOUR BREAD!



RIGHT THIS WAY! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST AND YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF COMPANY—ALL YOUR PALS ARE IN JAIL, TOO!

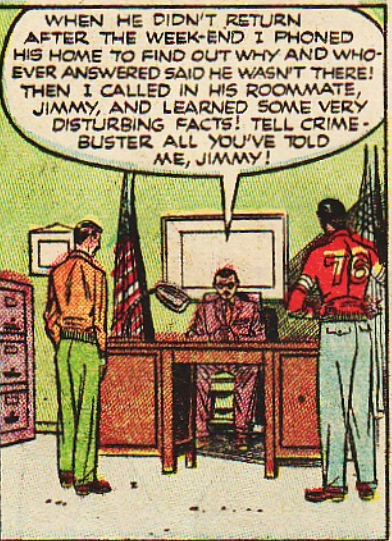


I THINK WE'VE NABBED THE WHOLE GANG OF PASSERS BUT NOT ONE WILL SPILL ANYTHING ABOUT THE GUY ON TOP! FROM HERE ON, WE'LL HAVE TO GET TOUGH!



HELLO, CRIMEBUSTER! THIS IS WARREN WALKER, THE HEAD-MASTER AT THE GREY HILL SCHOOL FOR BOYS! ONE OF OUR STUDENTS IS MISSING AND I'D LIKE TO SEE IF YOU CAN HELP ME BEFORE I CALL THE POLICE OFFICIALLY!

I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!



WHEN HE DIDN'T RETURN AFTER THE WEEK-END I PHONED HIS HOME TO FIND OUT WHY AND WHO-EVER ANSWERED SAID HE WASN'T THERE! THEN I CALLED IN HIS ROOMMATE, JIMMY, AND LEARNED SOME VERY DISTURBING FACTS! TELL CRIME-BUSTER ALL YOU'VE TOLD ME, JIMMY!



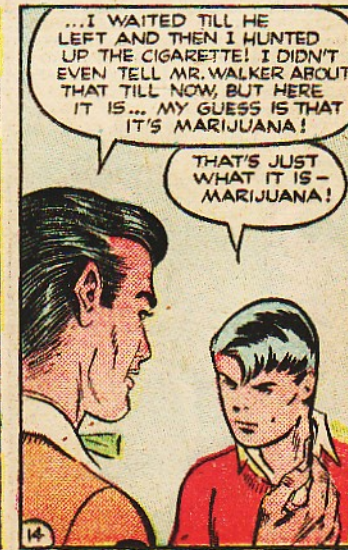
I WOULDN'T SNITCH ON JOHNNY, EXCEPT THAT NOW HE'S MISSING AND I'M WORRIED! JOHNNY WAS A SWELL GUY UP TILL A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO— THEN HE BEGAN ACTING FUNNY! HE HAD THE JITTERS ALL THE TIME! HE QUIT STUDYING AND GAVE UP TRACK AND HE'D ALWAYS BEEN CRAZY ABOUT THAT!



HE HAD HIS OWN HORSE AND HE USED TO MEET SOME MAN ON THE BRIDLE PATH EVERY DAY! FIRST, HE TOLD ME ABOUT IT! THEN, ONE DAY WHEN I ASKED IF HE STILL MET HIS FRIEND HE NEARLY SNAPPED MY HEAD OFF AND TOLD ME TO FORGET HE'D EVER MENTIONED IT!



ONE WEEK-DAY AFTERNOON, I FOLLOWED HIM AND SAW HIM STEALING A SMOKE OUT IN THE WOODS—THE WAY HE SMOKED MADE ME FEEL CREEPY AND AFTER A WHILE HE BEGAN TO ACT SORT OF SILLY! I GUESS I MUST'VE MADE A NOISE 'CAUSE HE LOOKED UP JUMPY AND TOSSED THE CIGARETTE AWAY!



...I WAITED TILL HE LEFT AND THEN I HUNTED UP THE CIGARETTE! I DIDN'T EVEN TELL MR. WALKER ABOUT THAT TILL NOW, BUT HERE IT IS... MY GUESS IS THAT IT'S MARIJUANA!

THAT'S JUST WHAT IT IS—MARIJUANA!



MARAJUANA! THIS IS TERRIBLE! IT IS - BECAUSE FROM THE WAY JIMMY HAS DESCRIBED THE BOY'S ACTIONS, HE'S BEEN TAKING STRONGER STUFF THAN THAT- HEROIN, MAYBE! WE'D BETTER SEE HIS FATHER IMMEDIATELY!



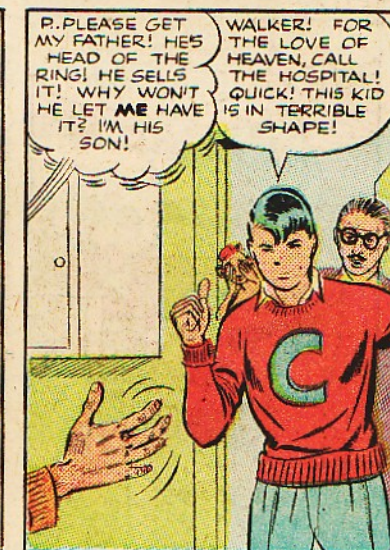
MR. BROWLEY ISN'T HOME RIGHT NOW! HE WON'T BE BACK UNTIL LATE TONIGHT, AND ALL I KNOW ABOUT HIS SON IS THAT HE'S AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL UPSTATE! HE HASN'T BEEN HOME FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS!



YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME HAVE A SHOT! PLEASE, JUST ONE! DAD! PLEASE, DAD!
OKAY, YOU LIAR, LET US PASS!
STAY OUT, OR I'LL...



OR YOU'LL WHAT?



P. PLEASE GET MY FATHER! HE'S HEAD OF THE RING! HE SELLS THE RING! IT! WHY WON'T HE LET ME HAVE IT? I'M HIS SON!
WALKER! FOR THE LOVE OF HEAVEN, CALL THE HOSPITAL! QUICK! THIS KID IS IN TERRIBLE SHAPE!



HOW IS HE, DOCTOR?
IT'S LUCKY YOU CALLED-- THERE'S STILL A CHANCE TO SAVE HIM-- BUT WITHOUT EXPERT CARE HE'D HAVE LOST HIS MIND COMPLETELY AS IT IS IT WILL TAKE MONTHS TO CURE HIM AND REBUILD HIS BODY!



DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING THE KID SAID...BROWLEY WAS WRONG NOT CALLING A DOC... BUT HE WAS ASHAMED ABOUT HIS SON BEING A DOPE ADDICT...HE DON'T KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ANY DOPE RING!
YOU'RE LYING AGAIN! JOHNNY WAS TELLING THE TRUTH AND DON'T LOOK FOR YOUR GUN! THIS IS IT!



ANSWER IT! IF IT'S BROWLEY FIND OUT WHAT HIS PLANS ARE FOR THE NEXT HOUR...WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED! DON'T TRY TO WARN HIM... OR THIS GUN WILL GO OFF!
RRINGG!



JOHNNY'S STILL PRETTY BAD, BOSS! MAYBE YOU'D BETTER TELL ME WHERE I CAN REACH YOU IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!
YOU KNOW WHERE I'LL BE, YOU LUG-HEAD! THE SYNDICATE'S HOLDING A BIG MEETING IN LOU'S PRIVATE DINING ROOM, EAST 90TH AND FOURTH AVENUE! LOOK IT UP IN THE PHONE BOOK! I'M LATE NOW!

BROWLEY'S CRACKED UP! HE CAN'T BE TRUSTED ANY LONGER! YOU NEED A NEW MAN TO TAKE HIS PLACE AND THE GUY FOR YOU IS JOE MARTIN!

IT'S A RACK OF LIES! STRICKY'S CRAZY AND THAT GUY WITH HIM IS A FRAUD! JOE MARTIN ISN'T EVEN IN THIS COUNTRY! HE WAS DEPORTED!

YOU'D BE THE ONE TO KNOW—WOULDN'T YOU, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING RAT! BUT I'VE HAD MY REVENGE! HOW'S YOUR KID, JOHNNY? I SAW A LOT OF HIM THESE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS! QUITE A KID!

YOU DID THAT TO MY KID... YOU...

I'LL KILL YOU... I'LL MURDER YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID TO JOHNNY... UGGG!

HA, HA! YOU DIRTY BACK-STABBIN' DOUBLE-CROSSER! C'MON, TRY IT!

GET UP SO I CAN KNOCK YOU DOWN AGAIN! I'VE DREAMED OF THIS ALL THESE MONTHS I WAS AWAY!

LOOK OUT! HE HAS A GUN!

SO HAVE I...

DROP THOSE GUNS! DROP THEM FAST! YOU'RE COVERED BY MACHINE GUNS!

YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST! DON'T MAKE A MOVE, OR WE'LL OPEN UP FAST!

OKAY, MEN! HERD THEM INTO THE PATROL WAGONS AND TAKE THEM TO HEADQUARTERS!

I'VE ALREADY RECOMMENDED THAT MARTIN AND CROWLEY BE SENTENCED TO SEPARATE PRISONS! NO MATTER HOW WELL THEY WERE GUARDED, THEY'D KILL EACH OTHER IF THEY EVER HAD A CHANCE! YOU DID A TERRIFIC JOB, C.B.! CONGRATULATIONS!

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I HOPE JOHNNY CAN BE CURED! I'M GOING OUT TO SEE HIM IN A MONTH! THEY'LL KNOW FOR SURE THEN!

THE DOCTOR SAYS YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, JOHNNY!

YES—BUT IT'S BEEN A NIGHTMARE! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE DOCTORS AND NURSES HELPING ME, I DON'T THINK I COULD HAVE DONE IT! I JUST WISH ANY KID TEMPTED TO TRY DRUGS FOR A THRILL COULD KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH! THEY'D NEVER TRY IT!

THE END

While They Last
OUTSTANDING

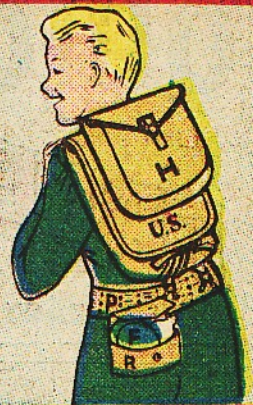
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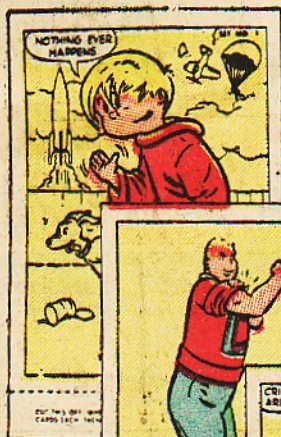
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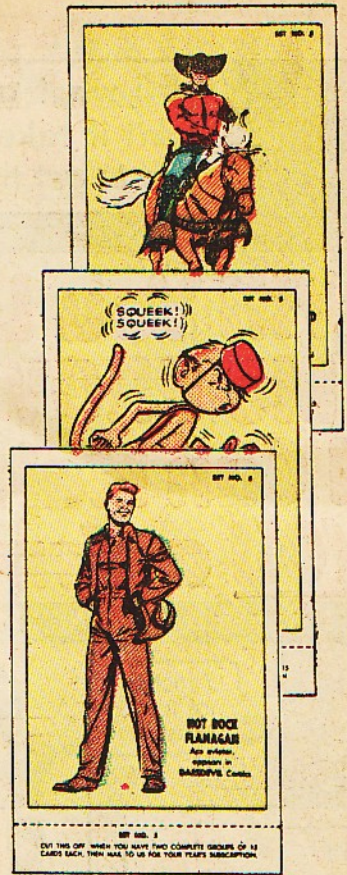
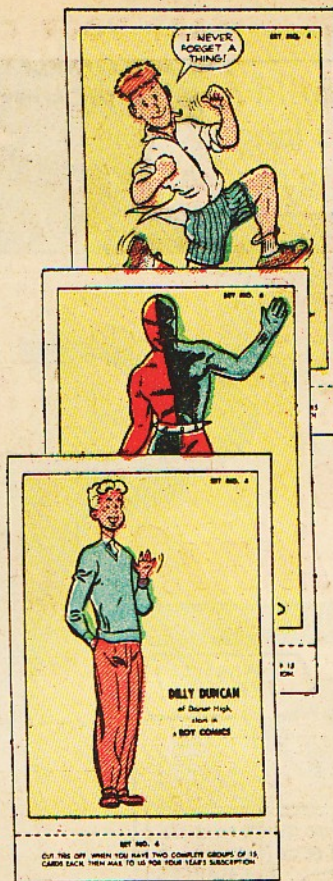
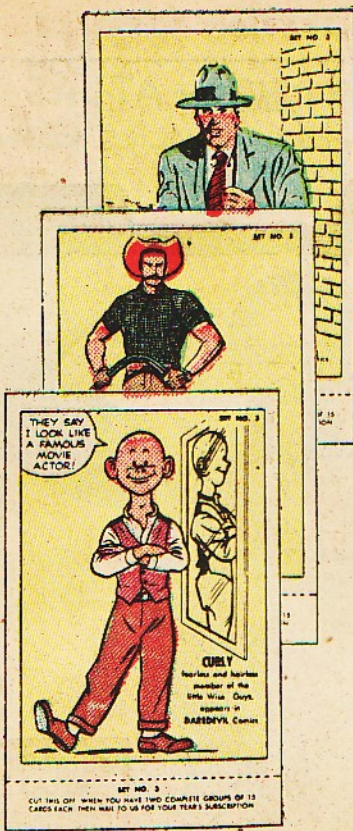
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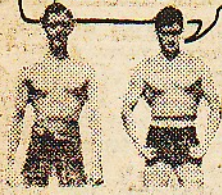
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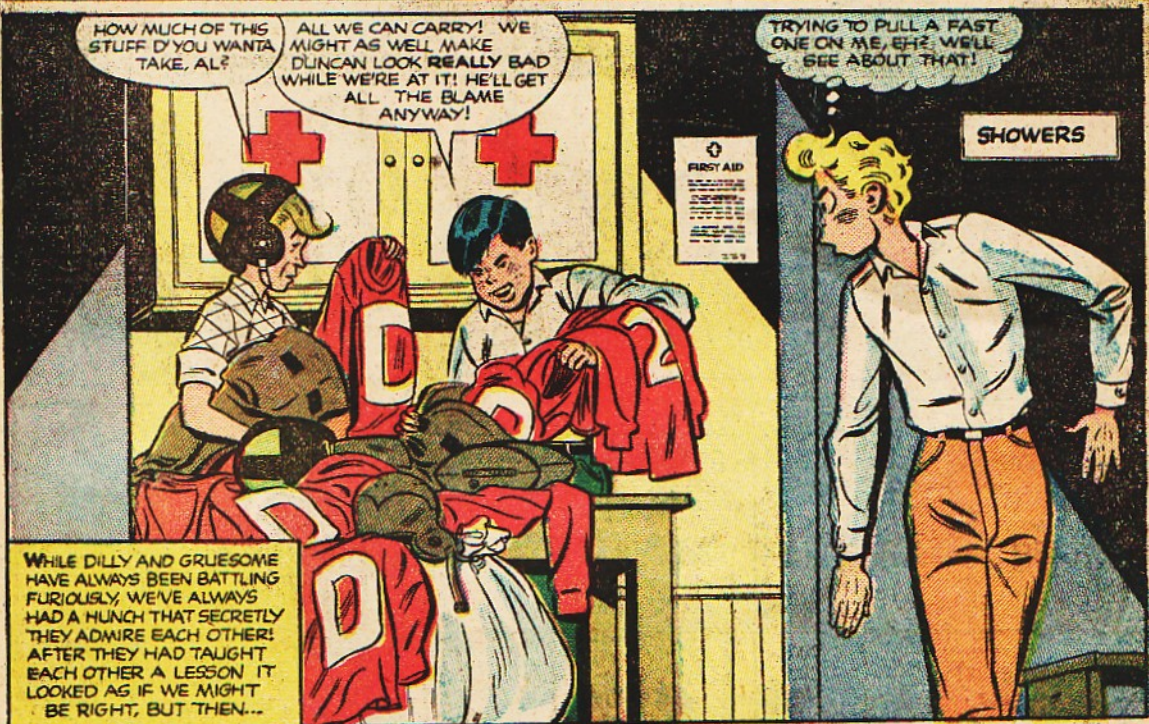
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HOW MUCH OF THIS STUFF D'YOU WANTA TAKE, AL?

ALL WE CAN CARRY! WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE DUNCAN LOOK REALLY BAD WHILE WE'RE AT IT! HE'LL GET ALL THE BLAME ANYWAY!

TRYING TO PULL A FAST ONE ON ME, EH? WELL, WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

SHOWERS

FIRST AID

WHILE DILLY AND GRUESOME HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BATTLING FURIOUSLY, WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A HUNCH THAT SECRETLY THEY ADMIRE EACH OTHER! AFTER THEY HAD TAUGHT EACH OTHER A LESSON IT LOOKED AS IF WE MIGHT BE RIGHT, BUT THEN...

GOLLY, SUMMER'S ALMOST OVER AND WE HAVEN'T GOT A DARNED THING TO SHOW FOR IT!

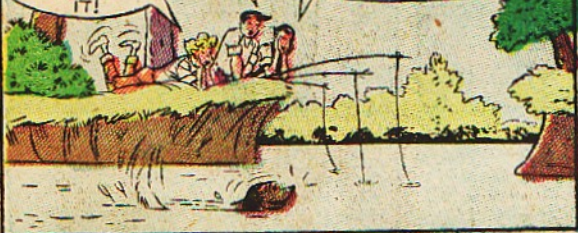
DON'T FORGET THE HORSE!

SURE, AND DON'T FORGET THE DOG, EITHER! HEY, WE'D BETTER GET HIM OUT OF THE CREEK IF WE'RE GOING TO CATCH ANYTHING!

WE MIGHT AS WELL LET HIM ALONE! THERE AREN'T ANY FISH IN HERE, ANYWAY!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE SPENT ALL THE REWARD MONEY FOR THE HORSE!

I WAS TALKING ABOUT MONEY! POP TOLD ME LAST YEAR THAT I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO EARN MY SPENDING MONEY FOR THIS FALL, AND I HAVEN'T GOT A CENT!



WE COULD GET JOBS NOW, I S'POSE!

THAT'S NO GOOD, SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK!

THE NEXT DAY... GAY, COACH! DO YOU KNOW OF A JOB I COULD GET AFTER SCHOOL?

LET'S SEE... IT'D HAVE TO BE AFTER PRACTICE, TOO! SAY! THERE'S ONE JOB - CHECKING IN EQUIPMENT! NO, I NEVER GIVE IT TO BOYS WHO ARE OUT FOR THE TEAM! THEY GET TOO TIRED!

THAT'D BE JUST THE JOB FOR ME, COACH! I NEVER GET TIRED, SEE? MAYBE YOU DON'T, AT THAT! OKAY, THE JOBS YOURS AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH FOOTBALL! IT PAYS FIVE DOLLARS A WEEK... YOU CAN START TODAY - AFTER PRACTICE!





HERE YOU ARE, MY GOOD MAN! HAVE IT PRESSED AND READY FOR TOMORROW!

I'LL PRESS IT TOMORROW ALL RIGHT, BUT IT'LL BE WHILE IT'S ON YOU!



BOY, I'M PRETTY BEAT, BUT I'VE EARNED A DOLLAR! THAT'S NOT BAD FOR ONLY TWO HOURS WORK! GOLLY, I'D BETTER HURRY—IT'S ALMOST DINNER TIME!



I'D BETTER GET STARTED ON MY HOME WORK, I GUESS! I WANNA GET TO BED EARLY!

AND WHO'S WIPING THE DISHES?

I WILL, MARY! DILLY SEEMS EXHAUSTED!



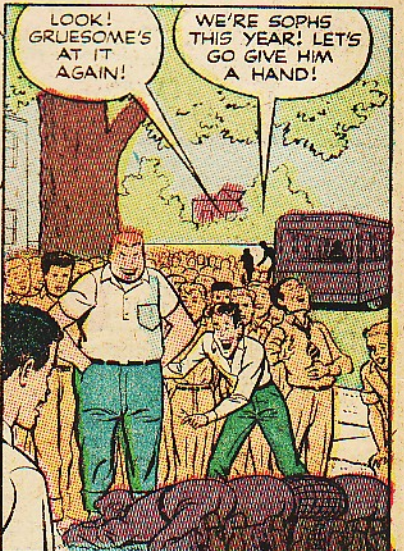
I THINK DILLY'S WORKING TOO HARD, GEORGE, WITH SCHOOL AND FOOTBALL, AND THAT NEW JOB HE'S GOT!

IT WON'T HURT THE BOY, SALLY! HAVING TO WORK FOR IT MIGHT EVEN TEACH THE BOY SOMETHING ABOUT THE VALUE OF MONEY!



REMEMBER LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, DILLY, WHEN GRUESOME GAVE US THAT AWFUL HAZING?

YEAH, AND I REMEMBER THAT FIGHT HE AND I HAD! HE JUST HELD ME OFF WITH HIS LONG ARMS TILL I WAS WORN OUT TRYING TO HIT HIM! HE NEVER HAS LET ME FORGET THAT!



LOOK! GRUESOME'S AT IT AGAIN!

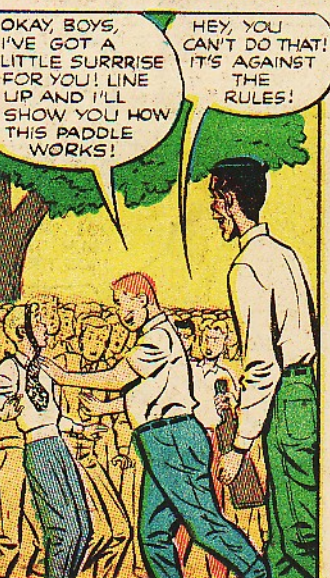
WE'RE SOPHS THIS YEAR! LET'S GO GIVE HIM A HAND!



OKAY, FRESHMAN! LET'S HAVE A FEW CHORUSES OF "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL", AND MAKE IT LOUD!

YOU SURE ARE A HUSKY GUY, GRUESOME! I BET YOU'RE THE STAR OF ALL THE TEAMS!

HUH? OH, YEAH, SURE!



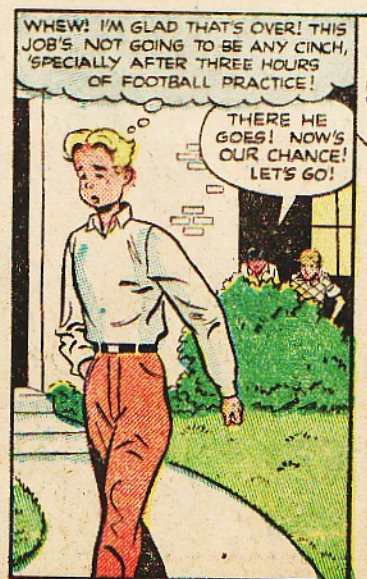
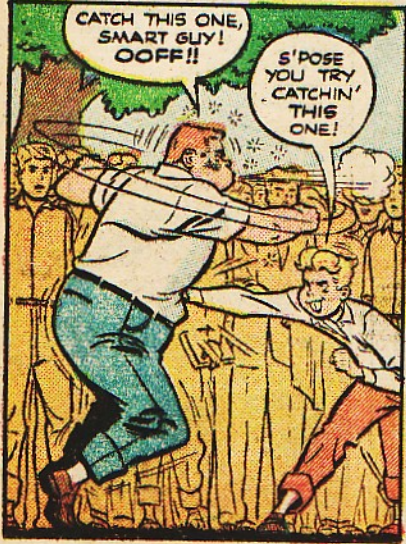
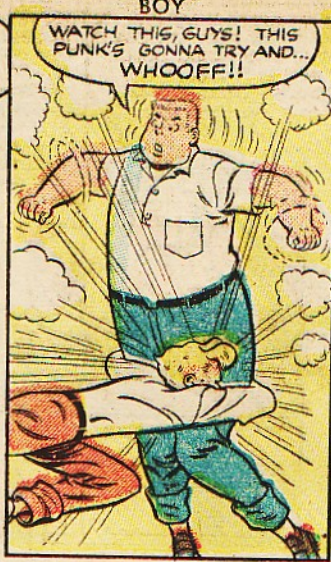
OKAY, BOYS, I'VE GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR YOU! LINE UP AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW THIS PADDLE WORKS!

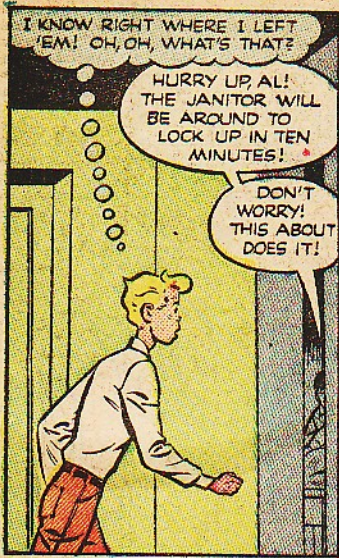
HEY, YOU CAN'T DO THAT! IT'S AGAINST THE RULES!



I CAN'T, EH? WHO'S GONNA STOP ME? GRAB HIM, BOYS, AND WE'LL GIVE HIM A TASTE OF THE PADDLE!

YOU GUYS TOUCH ME AND SOMEBODY'S GONNA GET SOCKED! THIS IS BETWEEN ME AND GRUESOME!

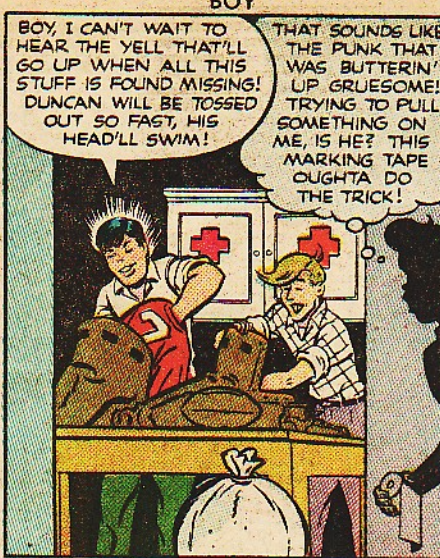




I KNOW RIGHT WHERE I LEFT 'EM! OH, OH, WHAT'S THAT?

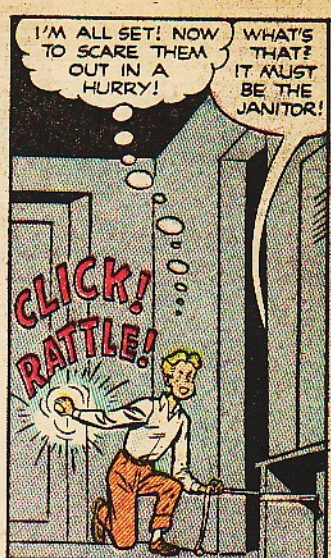
HURRY UP AL! THE JANITOR WILL BE AROUND TO LOCK UP IN TEN MINUTES!

DON'T WORRY! THIS ABOUT DOES IT!



BOY, I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR THE YELL THAT'LL GO UP WHEN ALL THIS STUFF IS FOUND MISSING! DUNCAN WILL BE TOSSED OUT SO FAST, HIS HEAD'LL SWIM!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE PUNK THAT WAS BUTTERIN' UP GRUESOME! TRYING TO PULL SOMETHING ON ME, IS HE? THIS MARKING TAPE OUGHTA DO THE TRICK!



CLICK! RATTLE!

I'M ALL SET! NOW TO SCARE THEM OUT IN A HURRY!

WHAT'S THAT? IT MUST BE THE JANITOR!



C'MON! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! HEY, WHAT...

I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

WHACK!



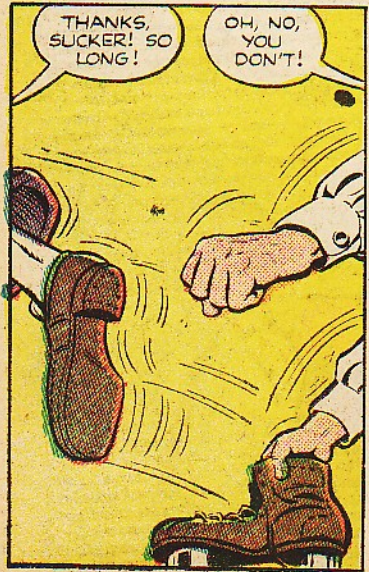
TRY AND GET ME IN TROUBLE, WILL YOU? HOLD STILL, WISE GUY, IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR ARM IN ONE PIECE!

YEOW! THAT HURTS!



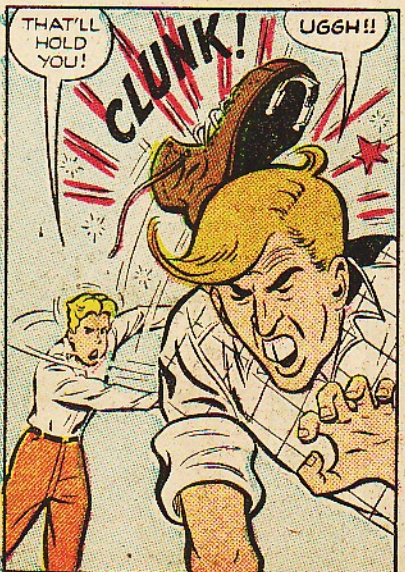
HEY! YOU'RE BREAKIN' MY ARM! I GIVE UP! LEAME GO! I WON'T TRY NOTHIN'!

OKAY, BUT DON'T GET FUNNY! I'M GONNA CALL THE JANITOR!



THANKS, SUCKER! SO LONG!

OH, NO, YOU DON'T!



THAT'LL HOLD YOU!

CLUNK!

UGGH!!



HEY, WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET IN HERE?

DON'T WORRY! EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL!



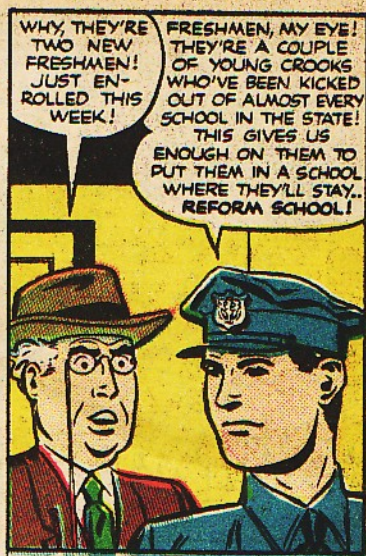
SO THEY WERE TRYING TO SWIPE THE FOOTBALL GEAR, WERE THEY? NICE GOING, SON! I'LL CALL THE PRINCIPAL AND LET HIM HANDLE THIS!

NO TROUBLE! NO TROUBLE AT ALL! THERE WERE ONLY TWO OF THEM, YOU KNOW!



GOOD WORK, DUNCAN!

BOY, IT CERTAINLY WAS! DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE PUNKS ARE?



WHY, THEY'RE TWO NEW FRESHMEN! JUST ENROLLED THIS WEEK!

FRESHMEN, MY EYE! THEY'RE A COUPLE OF YOUNG CROOKS WHO'VE BEEN KICKED OUT OF ALMOST EVERY SCHOOL IN THE STATE! THIS GIVES US ENOUGH ON THEM TO PUT THEM IN A SCHOOL WHERE THEY'LL STAY... REFORM SCHOOL!



THE WHOLE SCHOOL IS INDEBTED TO YOU, DUNCAN! THAT EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE COST A GREAT DEAL TO REPLACE! IT WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD, BUT I THINK I CAN PROMISE YOU A SUBSTANTIAL REWARD!

A REWARD? WOW! MAYBE I CAN QUIT THIS JOB, AFTER ALL!



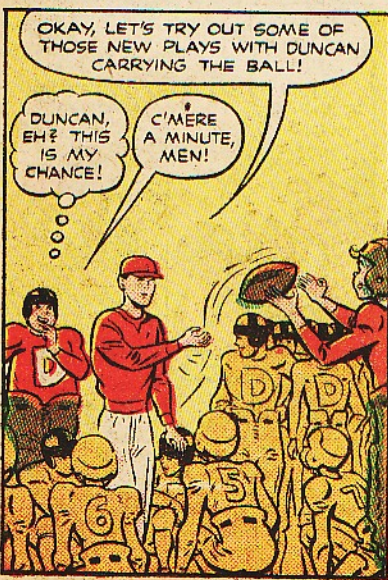
WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE THE LOCAL HERO AFTER LAST NIGHT!

SURE, AND I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU MY JOB, 'CAUSE I WON'T BE NEEDING IT ANY MORE! TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION YOU CAN SHINE MY FOOTBALL SHOES!



SO LONG, GRUESOME! REMEMBER, IF YOU WANT THAT JOB, I'LL PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR YOU!

THAT KID'S FLYING PRETTY HIGH! HE NEEDS THE WIND TAKEN OUT OF HIS SAILS, AND I'M JUST THE BOY TO DO IT!



OKAY, LET'S TRY OUT SOME OF THOSE NEW PLAYS WITH DUNCAN CARRYING THE BALL!

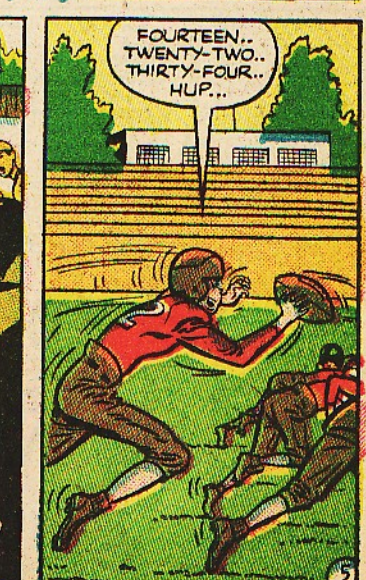
DUNCAN, EH? THIS IS MY CHANCE!

C'MERE A MINUTE, MEN!



NOW LISTEN, YOU GUYS! JUST LET DUNCAN COME THROUGH THE LINE! I'LL DO THE REST!

COME ON, JONES! GET THAT TEAM READY!

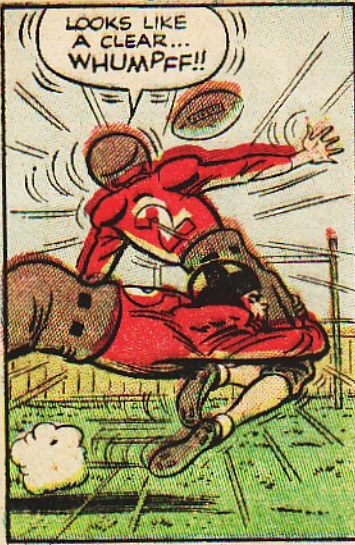


FOURTEEN.. TWENTY-TWO.. THIRTY-FOUR.. HUP..



HMM... THIS IS EASIER THAN I THOUGHT! I GUESS I'M GONNA BE PRETTY HOT THIS YEAR!

OH, BOY—COME TO POPPA!

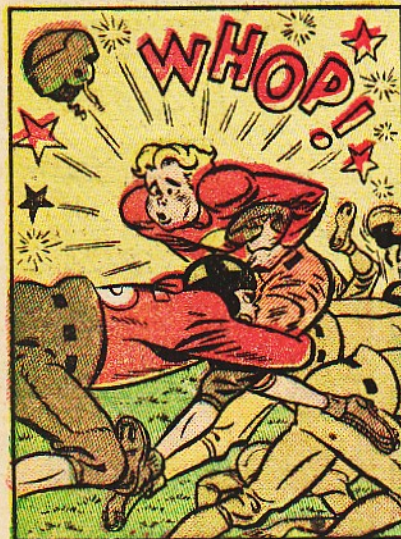


LOOKS LIKE A CLEAR... WHUMPF!!



PRETTY LUCKY, GRUESOME! LET'S TRY THAT ONE AGAIN!

OKAY, ALL-AMERICAN! ANYTHING YOU SAY!



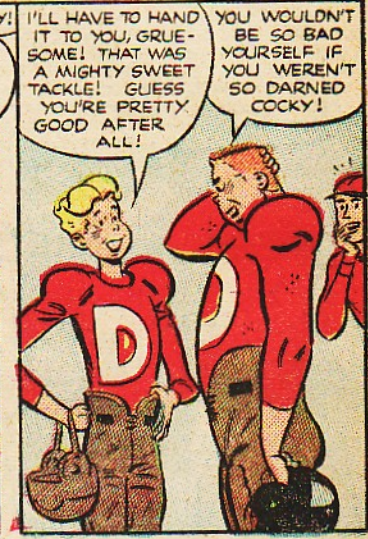
WHOP!!



WOW! THAT ONE FELT LIKE HITTING A FAST EXPRESS! HOW MANY OF YOU GUYS HIT ME?

JUST GRUESOME, DILLY!

THAT'S RIGHT, DILLY! HE WAS THE ONLY ONE!



I'LL HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU, GRUESOME! THAT WAS A MIGHTY GREAT TACKLE! GUESS YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AFTER ALL!

YOU WOULDN'T BE SO BAD YOURSELF IF YOU WEREN'T SO DARNED COCKY!



I WON'T STOP BEING COCKY, BUT I'LL MAKE SURE I'VE GOT A RIGHT TO BE FROM NOW ON! WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER! OKAY, GRUESOME!

IT'LL SURE BE A RELIEF TO HAVE THOSE TWO GUYS PLAYING TOGETHER INSTEAD OF AGAINST EACH OTHER!

BETTER NOT BE TOO SURE, COACH! THEY'VE BEEN SCRAPPIN' FOR A LONG TIME!



NO SIR, THEY'VE MADE UP FOR GOOD! I CAN TELL!

YOU'RE NOT A BAD KID AT ALL, DUNCAN! HEY, WHAT'S THE IDEA?

WATCH IT!



WHY, YOU LITTLE PIPSQUEAK, WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO PULL?

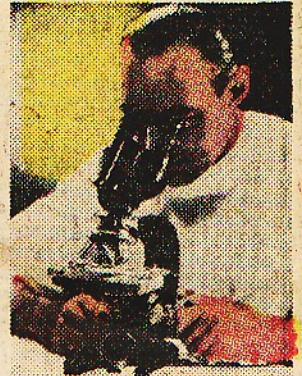
I DIDN'T TRIP YOU! IT'S NOT MY FAULT IF YOU'RE SO CLUMSY! YOU CAN'T EVEN PICK UP YOUR BIG FEET! YOU WANNA MAKE SOMETHING OF IT?

The End

WELL, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE UP AFTER ALL! MAYBE IT'S BETTER THIS WAY, ANYWAY! WELL SEE SOON, BECAUSE THE FOOTBALL SEASON WILL BE IN FULL SWING BY NEXT MONTH!

WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes



MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources—one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



A. Normal skin



B. Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

TRY THIS SENSIBLE WAY

Two sensible aims to achieve in controlling this skin condition are: to clear the pores of clogging matter, and to inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin. Toward these ends, Dornol Products' research makes available two formulas. One is to aid in thorough cleansing by highly detergent penetration which simplifies the removal of waste and foreign matter. The other is to discourage oiliness with clinically-proved ingredients, and to kill infec-

tious bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples and blackheads.

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WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you *can* and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities—intelligence, character, dignity—all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS

DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

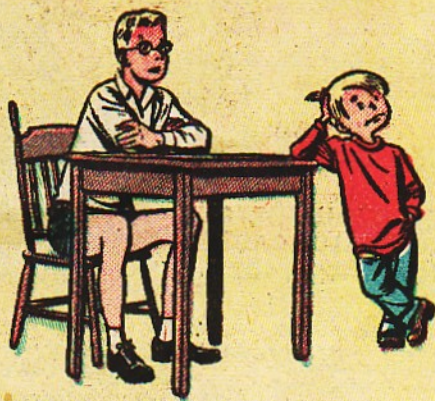
Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than now.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.



Collapse Of A Career



A new career had opened its doors to Scarecrow. He plunged himself into its pursuit with a vengeance and until the other Wise Guys finally realized what path Scarecrow was pursuing, they became a little worried. It all came to light one evening after Slugger had been mystified as long as he could stand it.

That day Slugger walked home from school with a heavy heart and a slow step. Slugger was not one to worry but strange thoughts were wandering through his head. He was worried about Scarecrow, he had to face it. Something was wrong and something was very strange. Since school had started Scarecrow had somehow removed himself from the other Wise Guys. They used to be a unit; now some indefinable something was wrong.

As he approached the barn, Slugger was stopped dead in his tracks by the sound of raucous laughter. It seemed to be coming from the barn, but he couldn't be sure. The laugh was piercing and rather frightening. He hurried on home, opened the door and found all as usual. Scarecrow was there but was looking at some papers on his lap and didn't seem to notice Slugger's entrance.

"Hi, Scarecrow," greeted Slugger, as cheerfully as possible. "Hey, I heard a strange noise and I thought it was coming from here."

Scarecrow scarcely heard Slugger, as he was concentrating so hard on what he was reading. He only muttered, "huh, oh, h'lo, Slug," then he promptly continued his reading.

Slugger felt slightly rebuffed at the abrupt greeting, so said nothing further to Scarecrow. Still pondering over the strange noise he had

heard, Slugger walked outside and investigated every possible nook and cranny near the barn. Scarecrow, lost in his reading, paid no attention to Slugger and concentrated on the papers the rest of the afternoon.

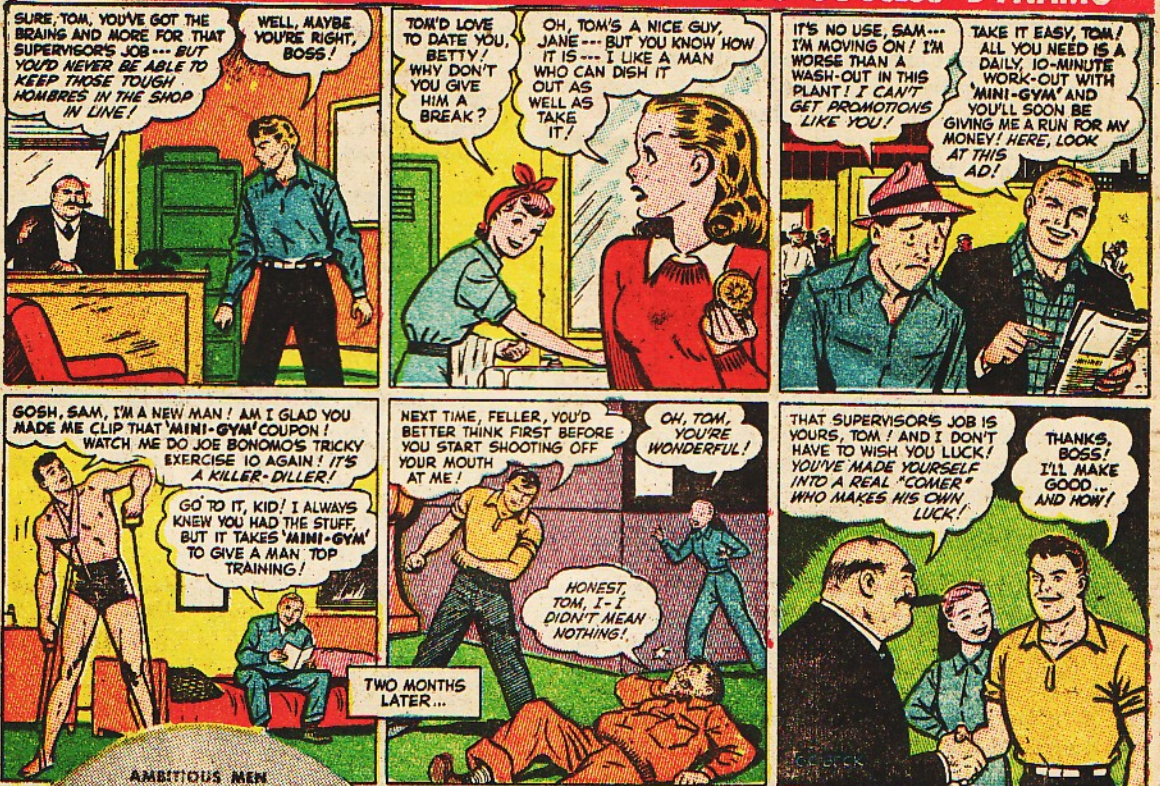
That evening at dinner, when the four Wise Guys were assembled, Slugger hoped that Scarecrow would enter into the conversation that they used to enjoy. Scarecrow seemed in another world and ate his dinner silently with a far away look in his eye. Even when his attention was forcibly brought down to earth he didn't act like the old Scarecrow.

Slugger felt that Scarecrow was off on a cloud even when it was time to wash the dishes and tonight was Scarecrow's turn. Scarecrow seemed to accept the duty with no gripes. Slugger watched Scarecrow curiously even though he tried to continue lively conversation with Jock and Curly. As Jock and Curly and Slugger sat around discussing the events of the day, Slugger was suddenly aware that Scarecrow was talking. He cocked an ear toward the kitchen, wondering if Scarecrow was talking to them. Trying to listen over Jock's and Curly's voices was difficult and he could only snatch a few phrases and nothing he heard made any sense.

First he thought he heard Scarecrow say, "Out! out!" followed by some mutterings. Slugger scratched his head and pondered, "out, out," or had he said "ouch, ouch." When he heard Scarecrow say it again he jumped up and said, "Scarecrow, are you all right? Did you hurt yourself?"

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"Huh?" answered the surprised Scarecrow. "No. Why?"

"Oh," apologetically answered Slugger, "I thought you said 'ouch'."

Jock and Curly continued talking as if they hadn't noticed anything. Slugger kept his ears open and realized that Scarecrow was talking, but he finally assumed that he was talking to himself and he could not catch the words, so tried not to pay any heed.

But Slugger could not ignore the situation any longer. When Scarecrow emerged from the kitchen, Slugger, without any preface, said, "Scarecrow, what is the matter?"

"Matter?" asked the surprised Scarecrow, "Nothing. Why?"

"WHY?" exclaimed Slugger. "You haven't been yourself since school started. What's eating you?"

Scarecrow sat down slowly, keeping the three other Wise Guys in suspense, then in a modulated voice said, "Nothing is 'eating' me. I now know what path I am to pursue. My future is cut out for me. I am destined to be an actor."

"An ACTOR," gasped Slugger. "What gave you that idea?"

"Really, Slugger," continued Scarecrow, "you must understand what it is to feel the weight of such a calling."

"You mean this is all because you're taking Mr. Murdock's class in dramatics?" asked Slugger.

"Oh," continued Scarecrow, "the course has only opened my eyes and made my path clear to me."

"Scarecrow, are you really serious?" asked the incredulous Slugger.

"Serious! I've never been more serious," Scarecrow continued intently. "In a few years you'll see my name in bright lights, 'Scarecrow the Sheik', 'Scarecrow the Shakespearean', 'Scarecrow the Sensation of the Seventies'."

"'Scarecrow the Sheik'! That's the one I want to see!" hooted Slugger.

Scarecrow remained composed and above the conversation. Nothing would swerve him and the Wise Guys had to suffer through months of histrionics, all the while missing the real Scarecrow. Even though Slugger had solved the mystery of Scarecrow's behavior, he was equally as worried now that he knew what the trouble was.

For months the barn rocked with Scare-

crow's drama. He practiced laughing, shrieking, crying, moaning; he quoted Shakespeare, everything he said or did was with an eye toward the boards. In fact, it became more and more impossible to live with Scarecrow.

One evening Scarecrow came home looking a little deflated. On questioning, the Wise Guys learned that he had been called into the principal's office that day.

"But why?" queried Jock. "You haven't done anything."

"That seems to be the trouble," moaned Scarecrow, sounding almost normal again.

"What do you mean?" asked Curly.

"I guess all my other subjects have fallen off," admitted Scarecrow. Then suddenly he reverted to the actor, "He just doesn't understand the artistic soul. How can I be an actor if I have to fool with math and Latin and other trivial things?"

"Oh, Scarecrow," sighed Slugger in disgust.

Scarecrow brushed aside his reprimand from the principal, as the next day he was looking forward to the announcement of the leads in the fall play. It was an exciting day, as the announcement was always a surprise and a secret until assembly time.

Scarecrow entered the assembly room with the other Wise Guys, breathless with excitement. He had a knowing look on his face as if he was sure what the announcement would be. As Mr. Curtis, the principal, stepped on the platform Scarecrow held his breath. Mr. Curtis wasted little time in preliminaries, then said, "Jack Donaldson will take the leading role in the fall play. Playing opposite him will be Virginia Burton." On down the list of roles he went until finally he said, "Then, of course, we have other leading roles. We must have an efficient stage crew. Heading the stage crew is Scarecrow."

Scarecrow slumped in his seat, his balloon was burst. After assembly the Wise Guys rallied round and encouraged him. They told him how important his job was and how lucky he was to have been chosen. They told him he must be very efficient to have been appointed head of the stage crew.

Slowly the "actor" ceased to act and finally settled down to being the old Scarecrow again.

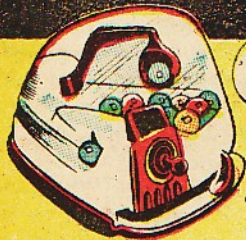
Several weeks later, when Scarecrow was immersed in his new duties, Slugger said, "Gee, Scarecrow, glad you're back to normal again."

"Yeah, Slug," answered Scarecrow. "Guess as an actor I make a good stagehand!"



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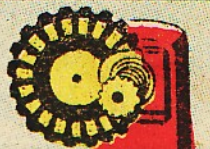
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Du Nard Cooper
704 Cleveland St.
Moberly, Mo.

I was just recently fourteen, and thought comics were out of the question, until I ran across a copy of **Boy**. Then I bought them regularly. My father approves of them, and we both agree that you deserve more credit than you are getting.

James Carroll
2353 Scottwood Ave.
Toledo 10, Ohio

Everywhere I went I always saw my friends reading **Boy comics**, so I decided to read them, too. Am I glad I did! My favorite stories are **C. B.** and **Daredevil**.

Patricia Ciccirelli
314 N. Rogers Ave.
Endicott, N. Y.

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5207 Whitaker Ave.
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Mrs. Edward O'Keefe
118 Nagle St.
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L. Galguera
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CRIMEBUSTER

in "THE FATAL BEAUTY CONTEST"

SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!

Story by
CHARLES BIRG

HEY!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

NO! NO!
CRIMEBUSTER!!
YOU'LL BE
KILLED!! HE'S
LETTING THE
WATER OUT!

DAVE!
HAVE YOU
GONE INSANE?
STOP!!

BEAUTY CONTESTS ARE NOW AN AMERICAN INSTITUTION, LIKE CHEWING GUM, HOT DOGS AND COMICS! WE AMERICANS WILL ALWAYS LOVE A FAIR CONTEST! THERE ARE MANY MAJOR BEAUTY CONTESTS HELD EACH YEAR, AND, AS A GENERAL RULE, ON THE JUDGES' ROSTRUM YOU WILL FIND MEN PROMINENT IN THE FIELD OF BEAUTY, SUCH AS ARTISTS, THEATRICAL PRODUCERS, MODEL AGENCY EXECUTIVES, ETC. THEIR CHARACTERS, IN EVERY CASE, ARE UNIMPEACHABLE AND THEIR VOTES COULD NOT BE BOUGHT FOR ALL THE GOLD IN FORT KNOX! THIS STORY TELLS OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE, BUT ALSO ILLUSTRATES THE HIGH INTEGRITY OF ONE JUDGE WHO CHOSE TO DEFEND WITH HIS LIFE HIS RIGHT TO VOTE AS HE PLEASED!

Charles Birg

WHAT? YOU WANT ME TO BE A BEAUTY CONTEST JUDGE? FOR PETE'S SAKE, ROGER, WHY ME? YOU'RE A CARTOONIST, SO IT MAKES SENSE FOR YOU TO DO IT! BUT WHO ARE THE OTHER JUDGES?



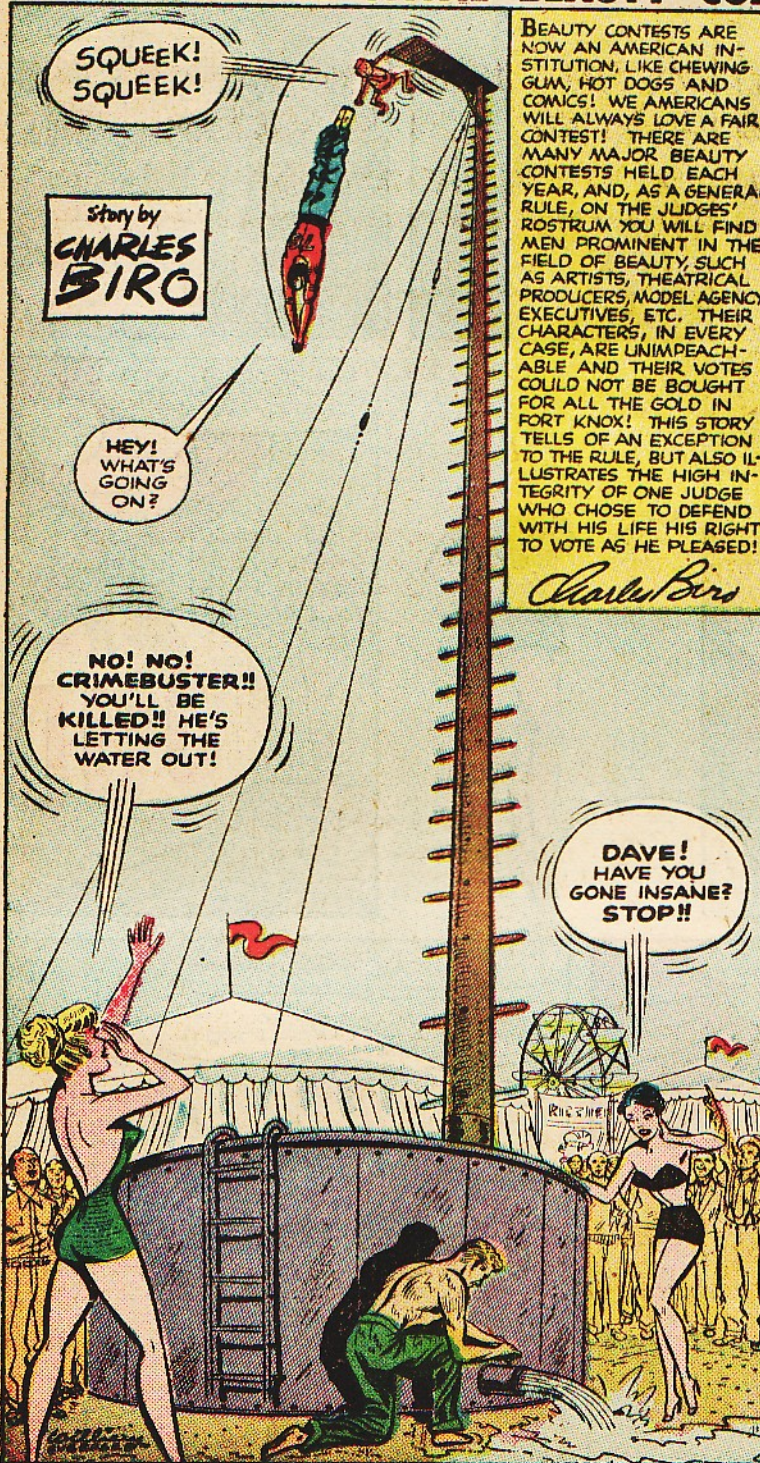
JIM BROWN, THE BROADWAY PRODUCER, AND MARTY KALMES, NEW YORK'S BIG DANCE SCHOOL OWNER, TOM PEARLEY, THE ILLUSTRATOR, WAS TO BE THE FOURTH JUDGE, BUT HE CAN'T MAKE IT, SO I SUGGESTED YOU AS A TOP CELEBRITY!

BALONEY!
OH, WELL, AS
LONG AS YOU'VE
COMMITTED
ME...



HOW DO I LET MYSELF IN FOR THESE THINGS? CAN YOU SEE ME AS ONE OF THE JUDGES FOR THE STAR AMUSEMENT PARK BEAUTY CONTEST?

WHY NOT? WHAT ARE YOU GRIPING FOR? WHAT'S BAD ABOUT BEING DAZZLED BY HUNDREDS OF BEAUTIFUL GIRLS...



I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU, GENTLEMEN! I'M DAVE STARHOLM, THE OWNER OF THE PARK AND SPONSOR OF THE CONTEST! BEFORE WE START, I'D LIKE TO OUTLINE MY PLAN FOR JUDGING!

THIS EVENING, AFTER DETERMINING THE FOUR FINALISTS, I'D LIKE YOU TO JUDGE THOSE GIRLS FOR TALENT AND PERSONALITY BY INDIVIDUALLY SPENDING A HALF-HOUR OR MORE WITH EACH GIRL!

I'VE ARRANGED A LITTLE PARTY FOR YOU AND THE GIRLS IN MY PRIVATE APARTMENT HERE AT THE PARK! IT WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THEM PERSONALLY, SO THAT YOU CAN JUDGE THEM ON BRAINS AS WELL AS BEAUTY!

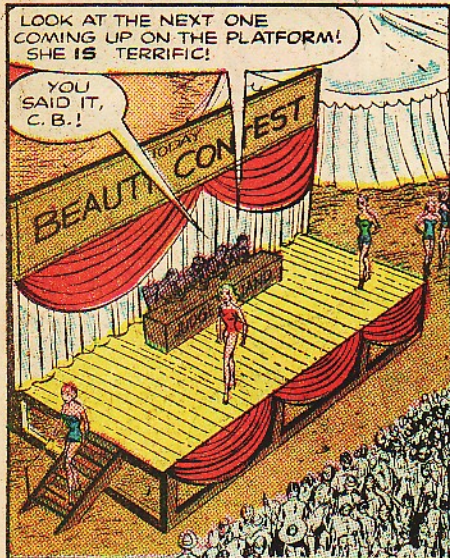
HMM... THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD ARRANGEMENT!

ALL RIGHT, GENTS, COME THIS WAY!



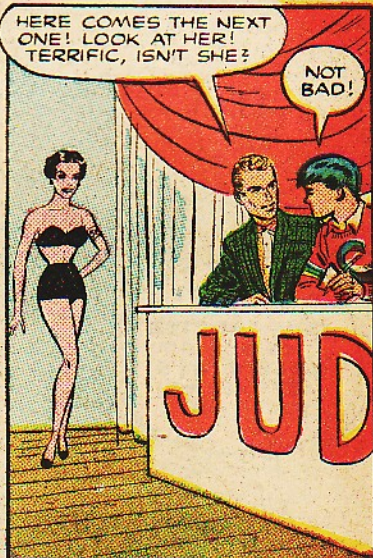
LOOK AT THE NEXT ONE COMING UP ON THE PLATFORM! SHE IS TERRIFIC!

YOU SAID IT, C.B.!

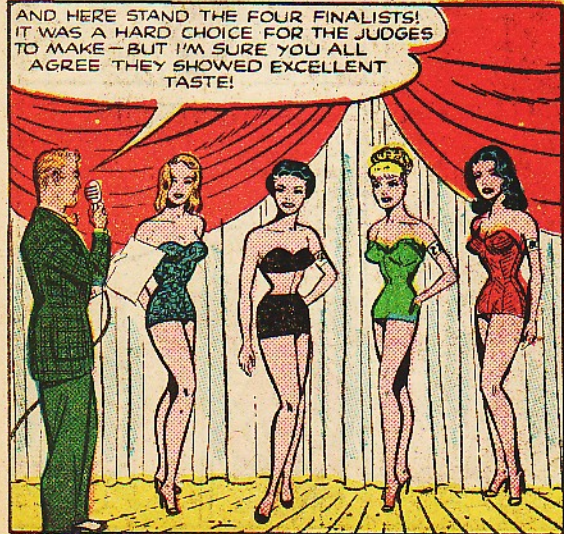


HERE COMES THE NEXT ONE! LOOK AT HER! TERRIFIC, ISN'T SHE?

NOT BAD!



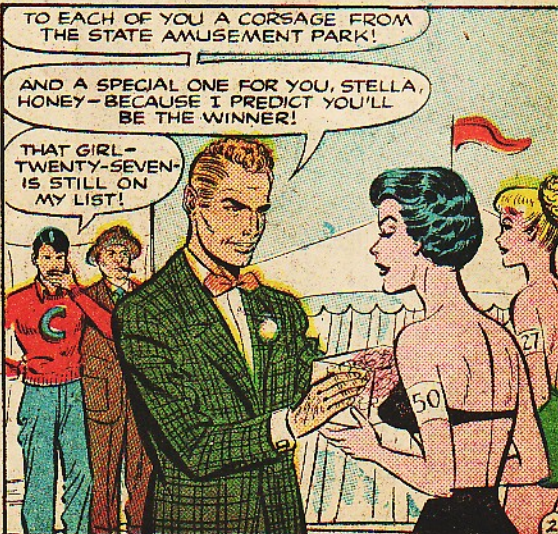
AND HERE STAND THE FOUR FINALISTS! IT WAS A HARD CHOICE FOR THE JUDGES TO MAKE - BUT I'M SURE YOU ALL AGREE THEY SHOWED EXCELLENT TASTE!

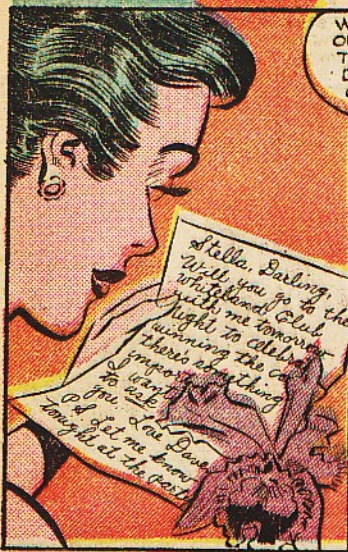


TO EACH OF YOU A CORSAGE FROM THE STATE AMUSEMENT PARK!

AND A SPECIAL ONE FOR YOU, STELLA, HONEY - BECAUSE I PREDICT YOU'LL BE THE WINNER!

THAT GIRL - TWENTY-SEVEN - IS STILL ON MY LIST!





Stella, Darling,
Will you go to the
Whispering Club
with me tomorrow
night to celebrate
winning the con-
test? There's something
I'd like to show
you. Love, Diane
P.S. Let me know
long before the contest!

WHETHER I WIN THE CONTEST OR NOT I WANT TO FINISH THE COURSE I'M TAKING IN DRAMA! FOR A LASTING CAREER YOU NEED ABILITY AS WELL AS LOOKS!

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU HAVE BOTH, DIANE!



I KNOW I CAN LEVEL WITH YOU, KALMES! I WANT THAT GIRL, STELLA MALDEN, TO WIN AND THERE'S A GRAND IN IT FOR YOU IF YOU VOTE RIGHT! HERE'S HALF THE BILL NOW TO PROVE I'LL PAY OFF!

WELL-L-I-L-L...



IT'S NOT AS IF I WERE ASKING YOU TO LET A GIRL WIN WHO DIDN'T DESERVE IT! STELLA REALLY IS A WINNER, A REAL BEAUTY! I HAVE HALF A THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL HERE FOR YOU! THE OTHER HALF IS YOURS AFTER THE CONTEST!

YOU'RE ON!



YOU LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT, STELLA DARLING! I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW TO ASK MY QUESTION! HERE IT IS--WILL YOU MARRY ME?

IF I WIN... WELL... SUPPOSING I SAY I WON'T SAY "NO"!



DIANE CLOUD IS A CINCH TO WIN AS FAR AS I CAN SEE! THE OTHER GIRL STELLA IS TERRIFIC TOO, BUT SHE HASN'T THE CLASSIC BEAUTY OF DIANE!

MY SENTIMENTS ENTIRELY! HOWEVER, I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO MAKE STARHOLM HAPPY WHEN DIANE WINS! HE'S PLUGGING FOR STELLA!

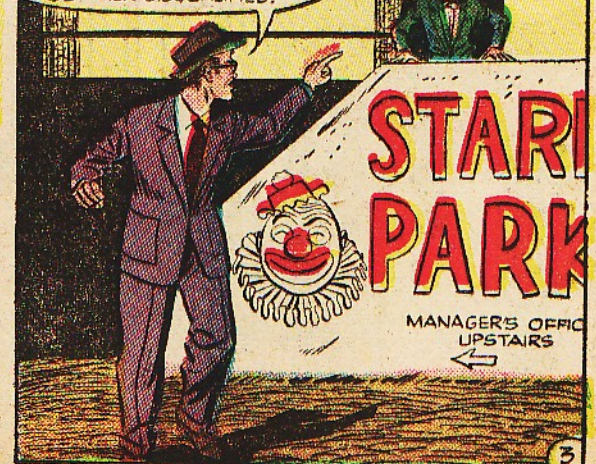
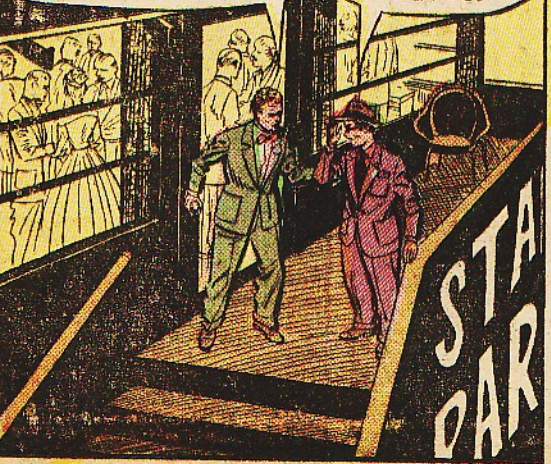


ALL I'M ASKING, ROGER, IS THAT YOU PICK #50, STELLA MALDEN, AS THE WINNER! MAYBE YOU PLANNED TO PICK HER ANYHOW SO IN THAT CASE THIS \$1,000 IS A PURE GIFT! HALF NOW--HALF LATER!

KEEP YOUR \$1,000! I DON'T WANT A NICKEL OF IT! WHEN I'M CHOSEN JUDGE, NOBODY CAN INFLUENCE ME! I'M LEAVING!

MAYBE STELLA MIGHT HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO WIN--MAYBE NOT--I'M CERTAIN SHE'D HAVE PLACED SECOND--BUT NOW BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO BRIBE ME, I'M GOING TO GET HER DISQUALIFIED!

YOU WOULDN'T DARE!



STAR PARK
MANAGER'S OFFICE UPSTAIRS



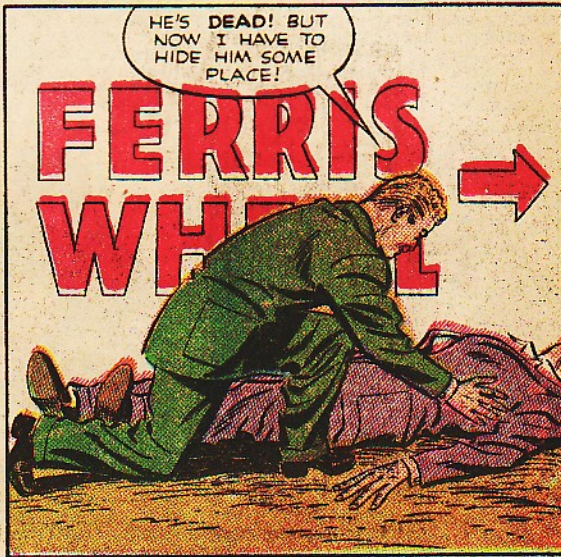
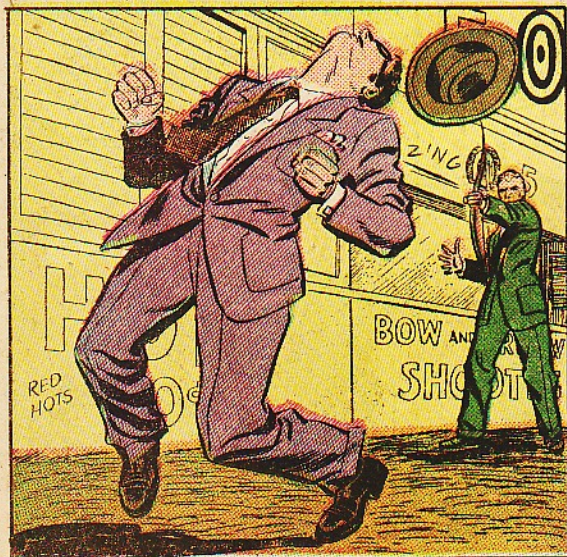
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I'M GOING TO TELL EVERYONE PUBLICLY THAT YOU'RE A **CROOK!** CRIMEBUSTER IS CONNECTED WITH LOOVER AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT FROM HIM IF YOU CAN BE PROSECUTED!

I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!



BOY

IF HE TALKS, I'LL BE RUINED!



HE'S DEAD! BUT NOW I HAVE TO HIDE HIM SOME PLACE!

FERRIS WHEEL →



I KNOW! THE FERRIS WHEEL!



THEY WON'T FIND HIS BODY TILL TOMORROW! BY THEN I'LL THINK OF AN ALIBI!



I DON'T HAVE TO APPROACH CRIMEBUSTER! THE VOTING WILL BE TWO AGAINST ONE NOW THAT ROGER DARBY IS OUT OF THE WAY!



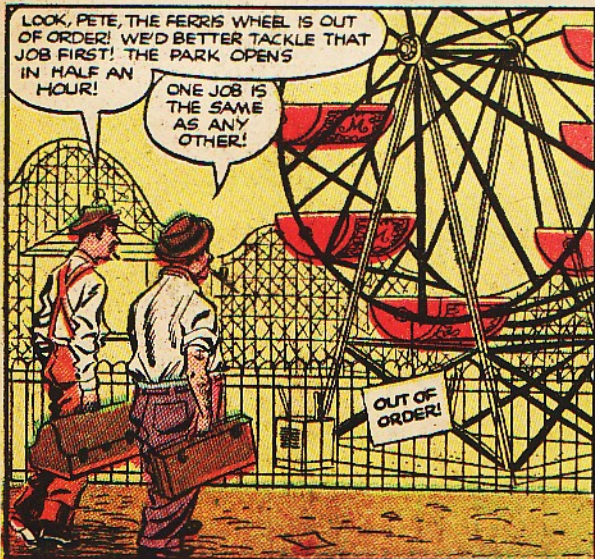
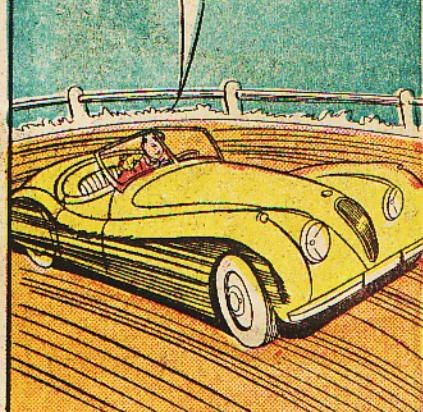
OH, HELLO, MR. STARHOLM! WHILE I WAS STANDING HERE I THOUGHT I SAW THE FERRIS WHEEL MOVING! IF IT HADN'T BEEN SO DARK AND SPOOKY I'D HAVE WALKED OVER!

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SEEING THINGS! IT'S BEEN SHUT DOWN SINCE CLOSING TIME!

HAVE YOU SEEN MY FRIEND ROGER DARBY MR. STARHOLM? I THOUGHT HE'D LIKE TO RIDE HOME IN MY CAR, BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED!

PERHAPS HE ESCORTED ONE OF THE GIRLS HOME... I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR THE PAST HOUR!

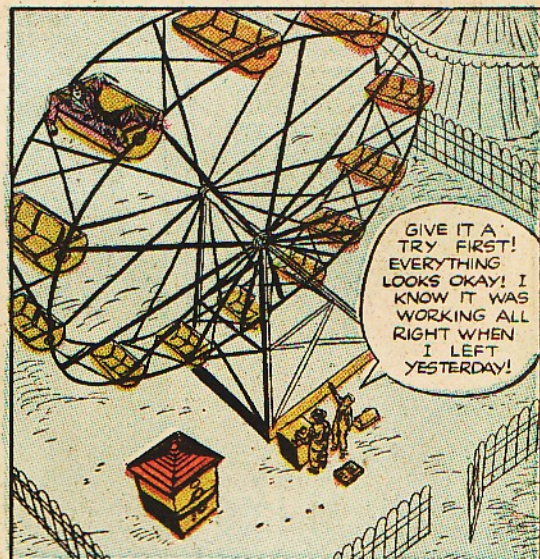
GOLLY, SQUEEKS, IT'S FUNNY THAT ROGER DIDN'T TELL ME HE WAS LEAVING! STILL, MAYBE HE TRIED TO AND COULDN'T FIND ME... I'LL CALL HIM TOMORROW AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED!



LOOK, PETE, THE FERRIS WHEEL IS OUT OF ORDER! WE'D BETTER TACKLE THAT JOB FIRST! THE PARK OPENS IN HALF AN HOUR!

ONE JOB IS THE SAME AS ANY OTHER!

OUT OF ORDER!

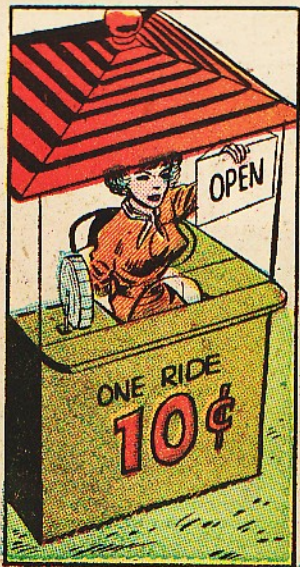


GIVE IT A TRY FIRST! EVERYTHING LOOKS OKAY! I KNOW IT WAS WORKING ALL RIGHT WHEN I LEFT YESTERDAY!

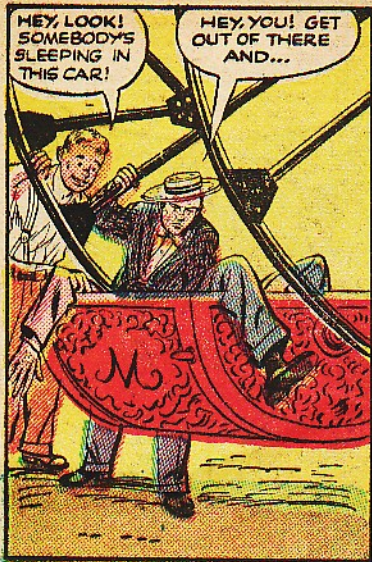


SOMEONE MUST BE CRAZY AROUND HERE! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT AT ALL!

MAYBE SOME DRUNK STUCK THE SIGN UP FOR A JOKE! OKAY, SHUT HER OFF!



RIGHT THIS WAY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THE FIRST RIDE OF THE DAY—ON THE WORLD'S BIGGEST, SAFEST FERRIS WHEEL!



IT'S MURDER, LOOVER! THIS MAN WAS KILLED BY AN ARROW ENTERING HIS BACK BELOW THE FOURTH RIB AND STRIKING HIS HEART! THE END OF THE ARROW IS BROKEN OFF BUT THE REST IS STILL IN HIM!



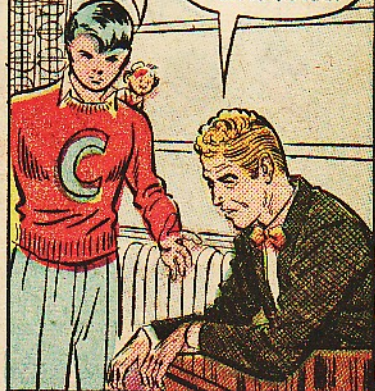
THIS IS HORRIBLE! THE POOR MAN! IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO... I FEEL SO RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED HERE IN MY PARK!

YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP US, MR. STARHOLM! I'D LIKE TO COME TO YOUR OFFICE TO TALK THIS OVER!



DO YOU HAVE ANY THEORIES ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED? I'VE KNOWN ROGER FOR YEARS AND I KNOW HE NEVER HAD AN ENEMY!

THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK IS THAT ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS WHO WAS ELIMINATED MIGHT HAVE BEEN UN-BALANCED AND KILLED ROGER FOR REVENGE!



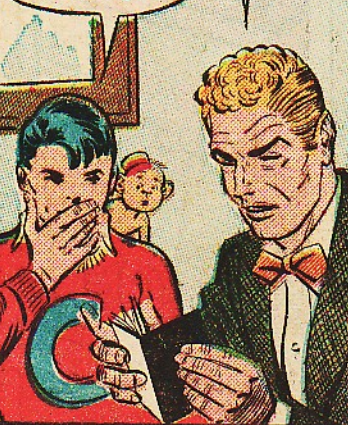
IN OTHER WORDS IT WAS JUST CHANCE THAT HE WAS THE VICTIM...IT MIGHT JUST AS EASILY HAVE BEEN ME!

EXACTLY! THE MURDERER JUST STRUCK BLINDLY AT THE FIRST JUDGE HE SAW!



IT'S A GOOD THEORY! IT'S GOING TO MEAN A LOT OF INVESTIGATION TO FIND OUT WHO OUT OF ALL THOSE CONTESTANTS DID IT! DO YOU HAVE A LIST?

RIGHT HERE - WITH ALL THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES!



ABOUT THE BEAUTY CONTEST, CRIME-BUSTER-I KNOW IT SEEMS TERRIBLE TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT BUT EVERYONE WILL BE ARRIVING TONIGHT TO WITNESS THE FINAL JUDGING! THERE'S NO WAY TO NOTIFY THEM...IT PUTS ME IN A TERRIBLE SPOT!



I CAN SEE YOUR POSITION! THE CONTEST CAN GO ON! WITH ROGER DEAD THERE WILL ONLY BE THREE JUDGES, BUT THAT SHOULDN'T MATTER AS FAR AS THE CONTEST IS CONCERNED!

WELL, I'VE GOT SOME THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE CONTEST STARTS! SEE YOU LATER!

HE DOESN'T SUSPECT A THING! STELLA WILL WIN AND EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT THE WAY I PLANNED!

OH, CRIMEBUSTER, I JUST HEARD ABOUT THE AWFUL THING THAT HAPPENED! ROGER DARBY WAS SUCH A GOOD PERSON! WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO KILL HIM?

I DON'T KNOW, YET! THERE IS STILL A LOT OF EVIDENCE WE NEED! I DON'T EVEN KNOW EXACTLY WHEN HE WAS KILLED!

THERE'S SOMETHING I SAW LAST NIGHT THAT MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MURDER! PLEASE UNDERSTAND, I COULD BE WRONG... IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MY IMAGINATION...

LAST NIGHT AT THE PARTY I STEPPED OUTSIDE FOR SOME AIR! I THOUGHT I SAW THE FERRIS WHEEL TURNING - THEN MR. STARHOLM CAME FROM THAT DIRECTION! I MENTIONED WHAT I'D SEEN AND HE SAID I WAS IMAGINING THINGS!

STARHOLM HAS BOTHERED ME ALL ALONG! HE'S SEEMED TO BE VERY COOPERATIVE, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIS MANNER THAT'S RUBBED ME THE WRONG WAY! I THINK I'LL GO BACK AND HAVE ANOTHER TALK WITH HIM!

IT'S IN THE BAG, SWEETIE! YOU'RE GOING TO WIN FOR SURE! HOW ABOUT SETTLING OUR PLANS FOR GETTING MARRIED RIGHT NOW!

I WISH I WAS AS SURE AS YOU ARE! I'D LIKE TO WIN BUT I THINK DIANE CLOUD IS STIFF COMPETITION!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT! I'VE FIXED THINGS SO SHE HASN'T A CHANCE! BROWN AND KEEN ARE VOTING FOR YOU SO IT'S TWO-TO-ONE YOU WIN! IT COST TWO GRAND BUT IT'S WORTH IT!

WHAT! YOU MEAN YOU BRIBED THEM?



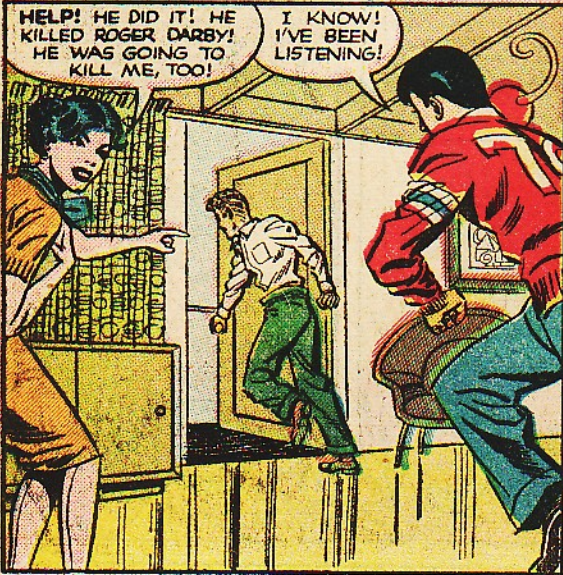
OH, YOU STUPID FOOL! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WANT TO WIN LIKE THAT? I'LL RESIGN FROM THE CONTEST, AND AS FOR YOU, I'M THROUGH!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO ME! AFTER WHAT I DID FOR YOU, YOU CAN'T WALK OUT ON ME NOW! I KILLED ROGER DARBY FOR YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO STICK WITH ME!

YOU'RE A MURDERER! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I'M GOING TO TELL...

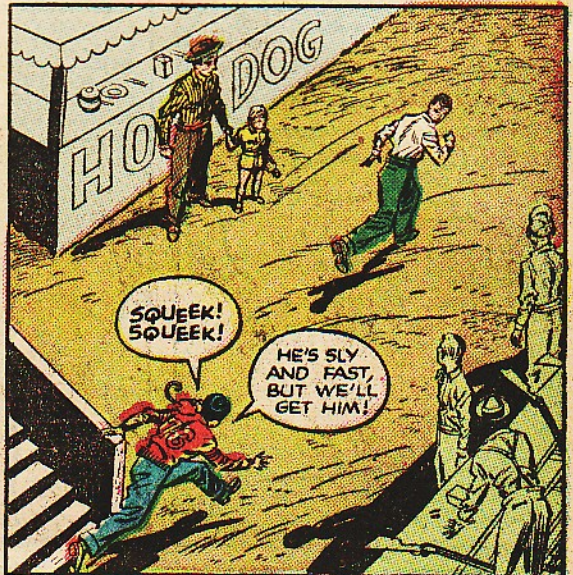
I'LL KILL YOU FIRST!

HELP!!



HELP! HE DID IT! HE KILLED ROGER DARBY! HE WAS GOING TO KILL ME, TOO!

I KNOW! I'VE BEEN LISTENING!



SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

HE'S SLY AND FAST, BUT WE'LL GET HIM!



DUCK, SQUEEKS!



HE ALMOST GAVE US THE SLIP!

HE'S GOING UP THE HIGH DIVE LADDER!

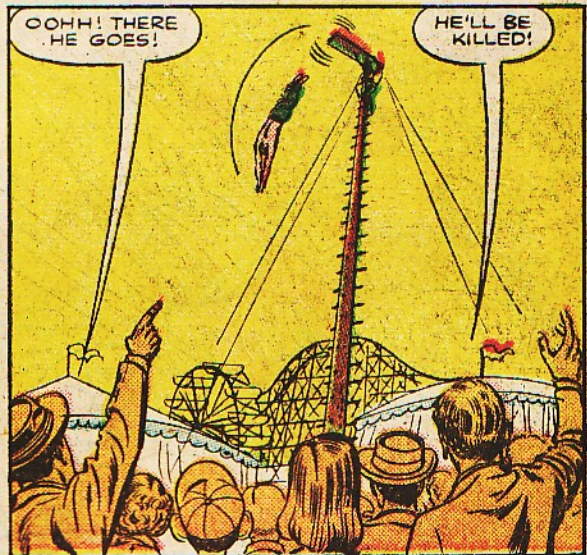
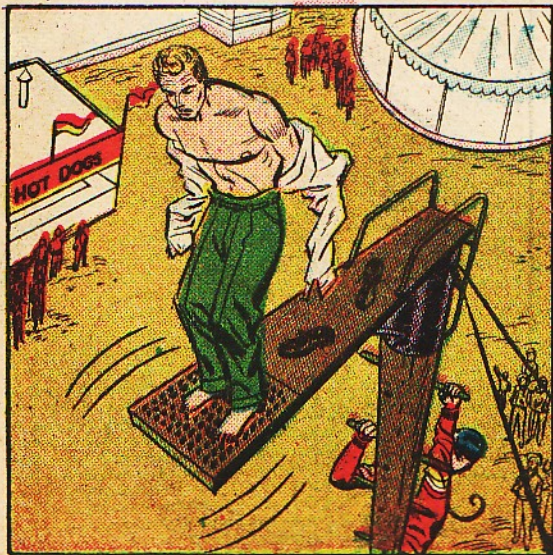


COME DOWN, YOU FOOL!

HEY! WHAT'S THAT GUY DOING? THE JUMP ISN'T TILL TONIGHT!



YOU MAY AS WELL GIVE UP, STARHOLM! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!



COHH! THERE HE GOES!

HE'LL BE KILLED!

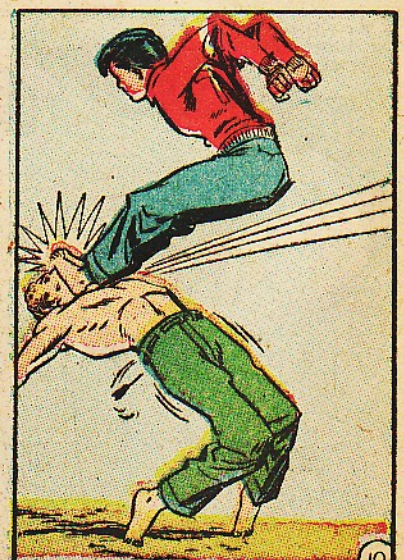
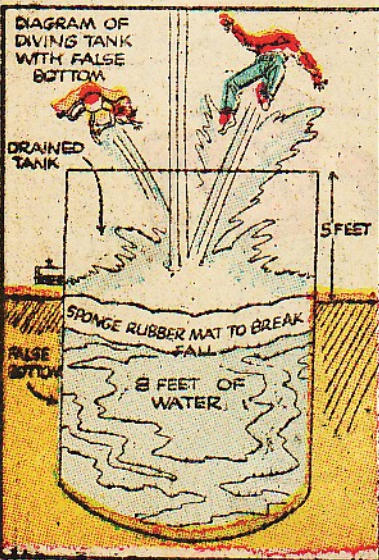
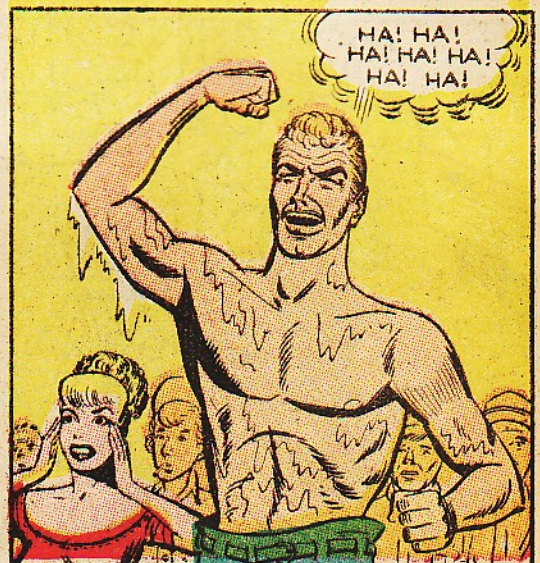
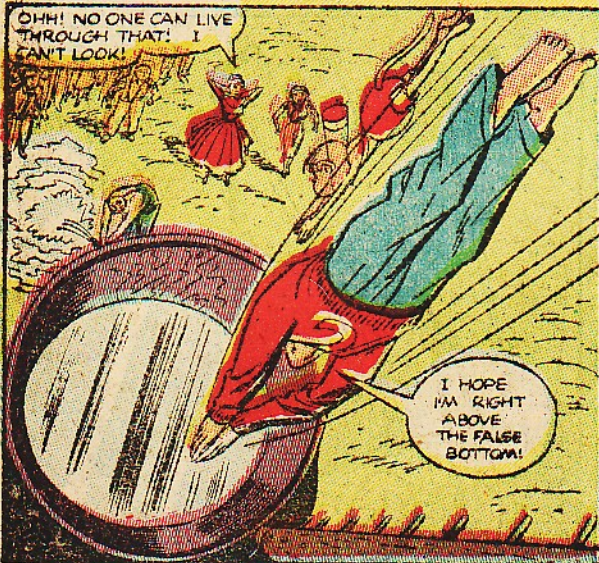
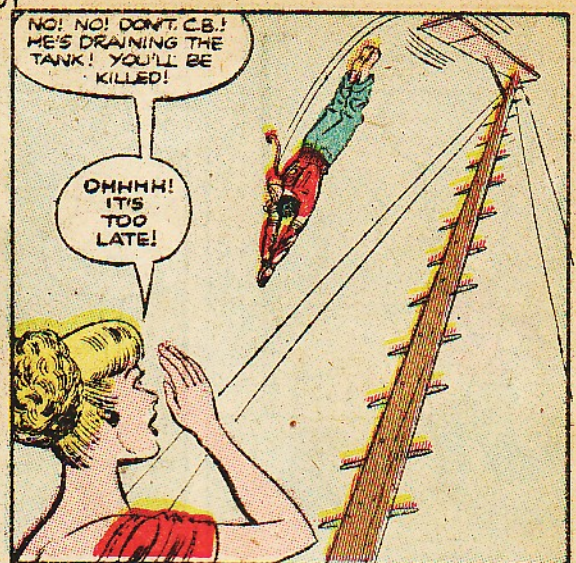


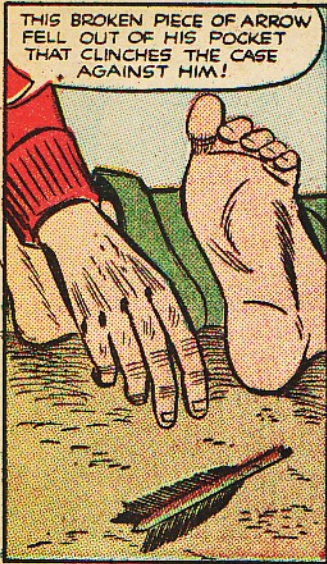
WHAT ARE YOU GAPING AT?



THAT TANK MUST HAVE A PHONY BOTTOM! NOBODY COULD JUMP INTO WATER THAT SHALLOW AND LIVE!

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, SQUEEKS!





THIS BROKEN PIECE OF ARROW FELL OUT OF HIS POCKET THAT CLINCHES THE CASE AGAINST HIM!



YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME, C.B.! I DIDN'T KNOW HE BRIBED THE JUDGES! I'LL RE-SIGN FROM THE CONTEST!

NO! I STILL WANT TO SHOW UP THOSE CROOKED JUDES! APPEAR TONIGHT AS IF NOTHING HAS HAPPENED! I'LL KEEP THE STORY OF DAVE'S CAPTURE OUT OF THE PAPERS TILL AFTER THE CONTEST!



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THERE'S BEEN SOME MISTAKE! I DON'T WANT THOSE! THEY'RE NOT MINE!

NOT MINE, EITHER!



PERMIT ME TO EXAMINE YOUR WALLETS!

WHA...



WELL! IMAGINE THAT—THE OTHER HALVES!



I'D BE ASHAMED TO WIN UNFAIRLY SO I RESIGN IN FAVOR OF THE RIGHTFUL WINNER, MISS DIANE CLOUD!

HURRAY!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

GOOD GIRL!



DAVID STARHOLM WILL SURELY RECEIVE THE DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDERING ROGER! AS FOR THOSE OTHER TWO CHEAP CROOKS, THE PUBLICITY THEY GOT TONIGHT WILL BE PUNISHMENT ENOUGH!



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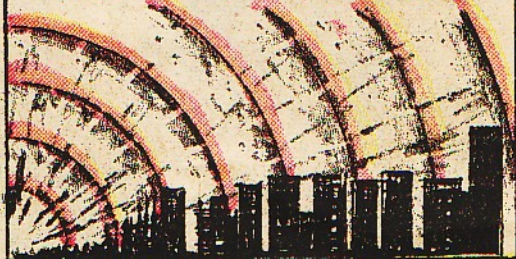


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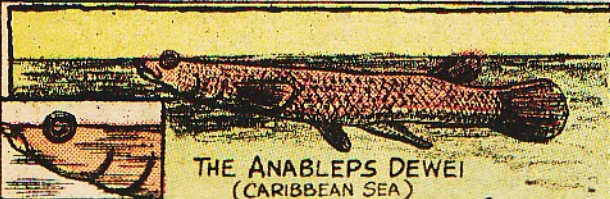
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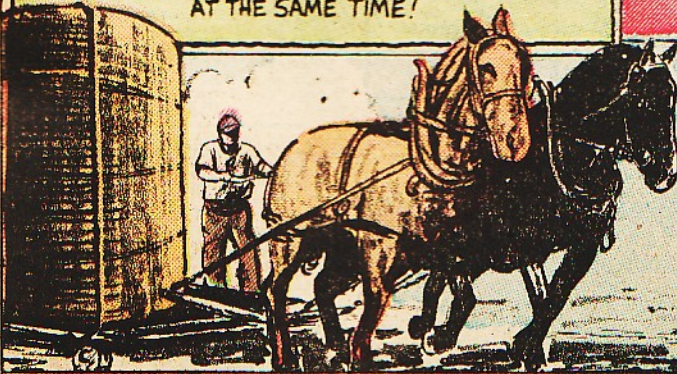
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OF AUSTRALIA —

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DUCK'S BILL — IT LAYS EGGS AND
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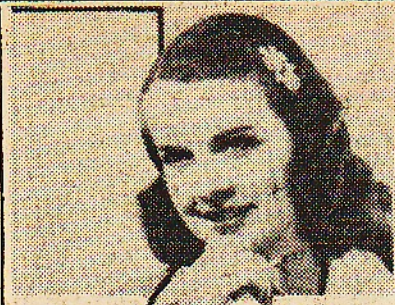
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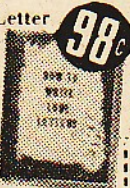
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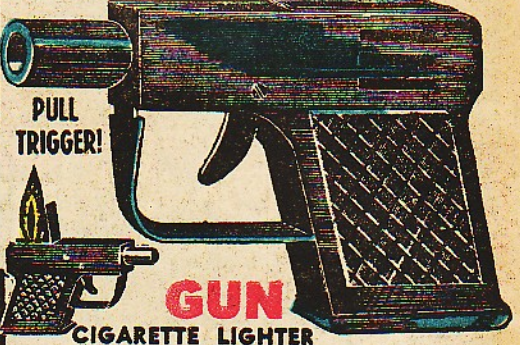
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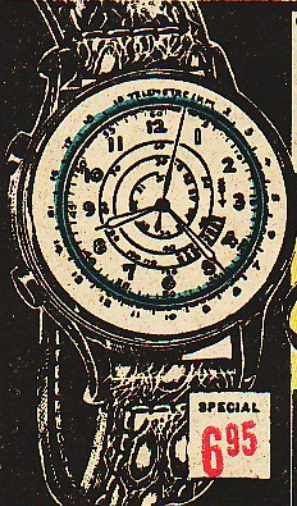
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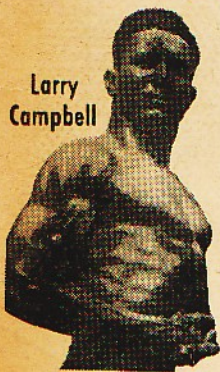
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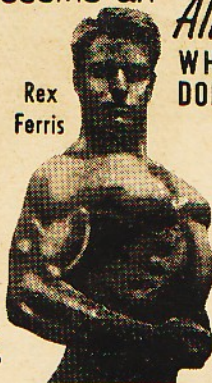
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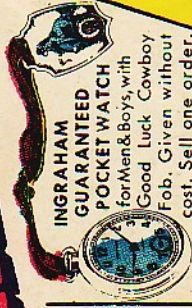
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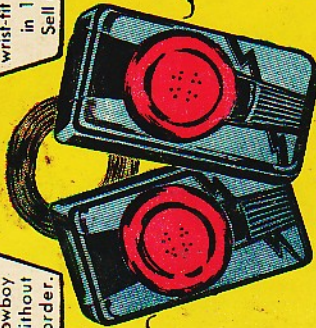
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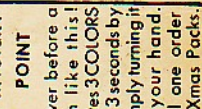
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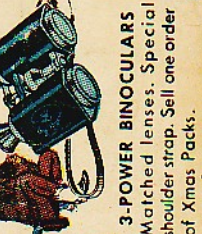


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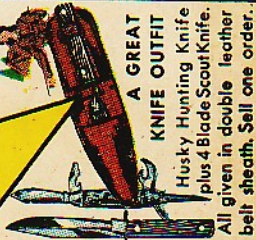


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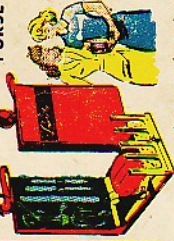
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